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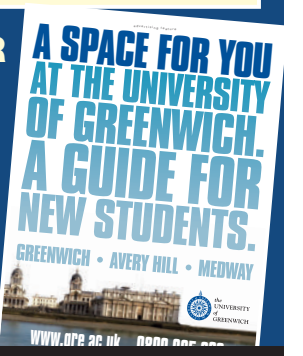

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TALIBAN IS ON THE RUN SAYS ARMY

'Remarkable job' done by county troops

EXCLUSIVE

By JAMIE McGINNES IN HELMAND PROVINCE

THE war against the Taliban in Helmand Province is being won, according to the Army.

Insurgents' switch to using suicide bombers and improvised explosive devices, rather than conventional fighting, shows they are losing, a senior source at 16 Air Assault Brigade has told Kent on Sunday.

And, speaking from the headquarters of the 5,000-strong force in Lashkar Gah, the officer revealed how the Army was trying to tackle the growth of opium poppies in Helmand, a great many of which are turned into heroin that reaches Britain's streets.

"We have progressed immensely in a two-year period," they said.

"The key centres of population are broadly secure and so the people can live a normal life, which means the economy can regenerate, which of course raises the standard of living, which keeps people on the right side."

The source said, for example, that the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) had done a "remarkable job" in improving security in the key town of Musa Qala.

And a huge operation involving 'A' Company of 5 Scots in Garmshir, alongside 2,000 US Marines, had pushed the Taliban out of the area.

"That enabled the marines, with the assistance of 'A' Company to clear the snake's head of enemy forces."

The local town of Darvisham is now flourishing again, with the hospital and more than 100 shops re-opening and families returning.

The deaths of key enemy commanders has also helped.

"One of the key reasons the insurgency has changed so much is that the command structure has been shattered," the officer said.

"You've only got to look at Mullah Dadullah Lang, who was a key commander, who was killed some time last year, and more recently Sadiquallah and a couple of others who have been killed in Helmand.

"You take the leader and the flock is questioning why it's there and what it's doing."

And the officer said that the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, which includes British troops, was not ignoring the thriving opium poppy industry.

An airfield is being repaired in the hope that a new industrial area will flourish and allow farmers to grow alternative crops.

"This is a hugely fertile valley. It's always been the bread basket of Afghanistan. If they've got the processing plant and the means to get it out then actually it becomes economically viable for a farmer to grow a whole lot of fruit, which means he doesn't have to grow opium in the long term."

The Army is also trying to educate and persuade farmers not to grow opium, while resorting to "targeted eradication" in some areas.

But the officer said: "It takes time. It's not something we're going to get right this year or next year. You can't give someone an alternative livelihood tonight."

Lieutenant Colonel David Reynolds, spokesman for Task Force Helmand, said: "We shall continue our commitment to this country until the job is done."

Defence Secretary Des Browne was in Helmand Province this week. He was unavailable for interview.

• *Jamie McGinnes is the only Kent journalist in Afghanistan.* *See pages 2-3 for more reports from the country.*

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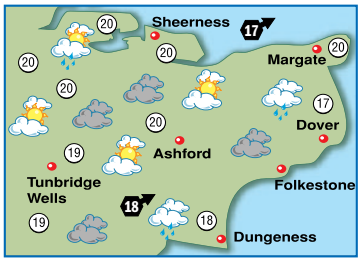

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Birmingham	showers	17	63	Manchester	cloudy	19	66
B'mouth	cloudy	20	68	Newcastle	fair	19	66
Bristol	cloudy	19	66	Norwich	fair	22	72
Cardiff	cloudy	19	66	Oxford	cloudy	20	68
Cork	rain	16	61	Southsea	cloudy	19	66
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Glasgow	showers	17	63	Southport	sun	–	–
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Week ahead

monday Sunny intervals. max 21C min 12C

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friday A few showers. max 21C min 11C

saturday Showers, heavy. max 21C min 12C

SPECIAL REPORT Jamie McGinnes reports from

Business as usual

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Helmand Province

WHEN soldiers from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) were sent to the relatively isolated Forward Operating Base Delhi, in southern Helmand Province, the outlook was bleak.

Almost immediately after travelling to Afghanistan from Howe Barracks, Canterbury, in March, around 120 troops were straight into the action at the fortified outpost in Garmsir, near the small town of Darvisham.

"When 'A' Company arrived into FOB Delhi, the frontline was 200m away and they were fighting for the first two months – intense fighting," Captain Stevie Rae, spokesman for 5 Scots, told Kent on Sunday.

"Now, with the assistance of the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), they've been able to push the Taliban south and the local community of Darvisham are back into the town again."

The arrival of the 2,000-strong American force was too much for the Taliban to handle.

Capt Rae said: "It wasn't long after 'A' Company arrived there that MEU conducted their operation in the south.

"The Taliban were completely caught off guard and the command and control were clearly overwhelmed with the speed and reaction of the ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) troops."

'We are so far from civilisation we can see attackers coming from kilometres away'

As a result, life for civilians in the area has begun returning to normal.

"The businesses have opened, shops are trading, people are back into their houses and farmers are back in the fields," said Capt Rae.

"This is genuinely something we didn't expect to see in the six months we were there. For us it's massive progress in Garmsir."

Around 550 soldiers from 5 Scots were sent to Afghanistan in March.

As part of Battle Group North West, they are spread around an area covering 100,000sq miles, where 100,000 people live.

Picture: CAPT ANDY WHITEHEAD

OUTPOST: Captain Stevie Rae explains life in Afghanistan to reporter Jamie McGinnes

At Now Zad, which is about 60 miles north of the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, 5 Scots soldiers have been working with Estonian troops.

In the town of Musa Qala, which was recaptured from the Taliban in December with the help of Maidstone-based 36 Engineer Regiment, 'Delta' Company have been involved in 'surge operations', hunting out the Taliban when they are spotted. The town, which is also home to soldiers from the Royal Engineers, Royal Signals and US Marine Corps, has seen rocket and mortar attacks, as well as small-arms fire and suicide bombings.

As the name suggests, FOB Edinburgh, 7km from Musa Qala, is home to more of 5 Scots, as well as Kentish soldiers from the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.

Capt Rae said the relative isolation of the outpost meant it was a formidable place to attack.

"It's that far away from civilisation that if anyone's going to attack we can see them for kilometres."

The main threats to the base, which was only built at the start of this year, are the use of improvised explosive devices, 107mm rockets or 81mm mortars, but it has not been targeted, said Capt Rae.

The Argylls' 'B' Company – about 120 soldiers – are in Lashkar Gah.

But the Kent battalion's tour of Helmand has unfortunately not been without setbacks.

At the end of June, Lance Corporal James 'Jimmy' Johnson, 31, who grew up in Chatham, was killed by an anti-personnel mine while he was part of a vehicle checkpoint patrol operating in the Lashkar Gar area.

And the battalion's commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel David Richmond, was shot in the leg during a firefight near Musa Qala. He was the most senior British casualty since the 2001 invasion.

'It is about progress, it is not about body bags. We are not going to win in six months'

Speaking to KoS in March, he said his battalion's job was to "disrupt" the Taliban, rather than beating them outright.

"It is about making progress. It's not about body bags. It's about improving the lot for people who have to live there. We're not going to win the Afghan campaign in our six months."

The Argylls are due to return to Canterbury in September.

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Missing our families – stories from the sweltering frontline

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PADRE GOUGH

PADRE Jonathan Gough, as with all Anglican military chaplains, answers to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

So when the leader of the Church of England asked him to come and work for him as a close aide at Lambeth Palace he had no hesitation.

In 2001, George Carey, the then leader of the Anglican Communion, offered him a top job organising meetings between religious heads around the world.

He went on to work for the present archbishop, Dr Rowan Williams, and met Pope John Paul II twice.

"Fundamentally, all Anglican military chaplains are licensed by the Archbishop of Canterbury," said the 46-year-old, whose wife is also ordained. "He is my bishop directly and I answer to him ecclesiastically.

"When Archbishop Carey said, 'why not come and do this' he was in a strong position to do so."

Padre Gough worked for Dr Carey during his last year in the post and first met John Paul II in 2002, when the Pope was very ill from Parkinson's disease.

"He had to be placed in his chair as we came in," he said. "He was quite ill and suffering."

But he said John Paul II still retained a "very powerful personality" and stunned everyone with a display of his respect for Dr Carey.

"As we left the Pope stood up, which made his staff think, 'what's he doing here?' That was his courtesy. It was a mark of respect and affection that he (Dr Carey) was there."

And he dismissed the criticism of some in the Church of England who have criticised Dr Williams' leadership style.

"When people say they want leadership in the Church, what they're saying is they want you as a bishop to say what they think."

Padre Gough, who is based in Kandahar as joint service senior chaplain, oversees 13 priests in Afghanistan – four are Methodists, four are Anglicans, two are Roman Catholics and three are Presbyterians.

He was ordained in 1985, but the thought of remaining a clergyman in the west country where he grew up did not appeal.

He decided to join the Army and has since been in trouble spots around the world including Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, and, at present, Afghanistan.

Padre Gough denied that some troops only turn to God when in a difficult spot on the battlefield.

"When extreme pressure is on, under extreme stress, people reveal what really matters to them and what they really believe."

He admitted that being a military chaplain was an "odd position" because of the teachings in the Bible about it being wrong to kill on the one hand and the need for soldiers to do so when necessary.

"You recognise the challenge and skill of our soldiers and the particular service and gift that they bring, but you also hope for the time when that isn't necessary."

JAMIE WRIGHT

JOGGING in temperatures in excess of 50C may seem like madness to Britons used to summers that are half as hot.

But for Sergeant Jamie Wright, 34, from Chatham, it has helped him acclimatise to desert conditions in Afghanistan.

And the RAF flight operations manager at Kandahar airbase, who has previously been on tours in the Falkland Islands, the Gulf and Cyprus, waits until it is hottest.

"The heat's fine – I go out running in it," he said. "I have to be running during the hottest times of the day to get acclimatised."

The RAF also prepared him with special fitness training in Britain before he was sent out.

Sgt Wright's job is an important – and sensitive – one. He briefs RAF flight crews on routes they can take and warns them of any potential trouble spots.

"The picture changes all the time," he said. "It's a completely daily cycle of new information that's required."

As well as military personnel and freight, the aircraft he works with often carry dignitaries.

Past visitors and those pencilled in for the future include Defence Secretary Des Browne, Tory leader David Cameron and the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshall Sir Glenn Torpey.

One problem faced by the RAF when ferrying troops to and from Britain is a lack of flight-worthy aircraft.

The former Byron Road primary and Howard Grammar High School pupil, who has been in the RAF for 16 years, said the force managed as well as it could in the circumstances.

"In all honesty, for the amount of aircraft we've got they do really well."

His wife, Victoria, 26, is pregnant with their first child, but because she is an RAF medic, she understands the situation he faces.

Kandahar airbase has previously been under rocket attack by insurgents. No-one has been hit by the missiles, but they have still caused alarm.

"There are natural worries when you get rocketed, but that's all quietened down now," said Sgt Wright.

KIRSTY HAMER

LIKE all parents of soldiers in Afghanistan, Kirsty Hamer's mum Sharon worries about her daughter being in a warzone.

However, she only has herself to blame – as it was her who suggested the idea of joining the Army to Private Hamer, 20, from Stanhope, Ashford.

Almost immediately after the former Lindon Grove primary and Christchurch High School pupil joined her unit in January, she was told she would be going to Afghanistan.

"It was exciting because you join the Army to do this," said the driver with the Royal Logistics Corps.

"I'm not doing mad things like the infantry are, but it still shows you what your job is all about. This is the real thing."

After leaving school, Pte Hamer was unsure what to do for a career.

"I had a couple of jobs, but I was not a very well behaved teenager so I had to do something," she said. Her mother eventually took matters into her own hands.

"She said, 'Kirst, you've got sort it out'," said Pte Hamer. Her mother saw an advert for a course run by an ex-soldier for youngsters interested in joining the military and persuaded her daughter to go along.

Now, Pte Hamer is a driver at Kandahar airbase in southern Afghanistan and her duties include getting behind the wheel of ambulances. She has six weeks left of her tour and is then off for four or five weeks and at Christmas.

"I can't wait to see my family and give them big hugs," said Pte Hamer.

ANDY SCOTT

FOR Andy Scott, as with most of the men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots), his base in Canterbury is a long way from his Scottish homeland.

But Private Scott, 29, from Paisley, said he and his wife of a year-and-a-half, Cheryl, love the cathedral city.

"I really like Canterbury," he said. "It's a lovely city. It's a nice place, it's scenic and there's quite a lot to do for families."

He is been based in Canterbury for four-and-a-half years. When he was last there in June, he and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child, Abbey.

Pte Scott, who works in the supplies section at Camp Bastion, the main British base in Helmand Province, said he missed his daughter.

ERNEST TABI

HOMESICK troops have turned a small corner of Kandahar airbase into a green haven.

Lance Corporal Ernest Tabi, 29, from Welling in Bexley borough, helped create a small square of grass, complete with a flag and rockery – the only one of its kind at the desert-locked site in Kandahar Province, southern Afghanistan.

A previous attempt to grow grass donated by Australian soldiers failed, but seeds given by Afghans have taken hold.

However, the green blades have to be watered every morning to keep them alive in the fierce sun.

Lance Corp Tabi, an administrator with 6 Supply Regiment, said: "It's the only bit of green we see around here. It's something nice to look at and reminds us of home."

Although it is about 20km from Kandahar City, the airbase's isolated setting has not spared it from being targeted by insurgents. Recent weeks have been quiet, but there were 40 attacks during a two-month period at the start of the summer.

Speaking just outside his office, Lance Corp Tabi said: "The closest one was about 100m from here. We could hear the bang. Funnily enough I'm never scared of it. What will happen will happen."

But he added: "Some people get complacent and stop doing drills. That's when danger comes in."

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NHS slams Tories over vermin claim

HEALTH bosses have hit out at the Tory Party after it unveiled "misleading" figures suggesting the county's hospitals were teeming with vermin.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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The party said evidence gathered under the Freedom of Information Act showed 70 per cent of NHS trusts nationally had to call in pest controllers 50 or more times between January, 2006, and March, 2008.

Andrew Landsley, the shadow health secretary, used the figures in an attempt to prove Labour was failing to improve cleanliness in the country's hospitals.

East Kent University Hospitals NHS Trust was among the top 10 trusts that called out the most pest controllers.

Howard Jones, director of facilities and estates at the trust, said: "These figures are misleading and simplistic."

He said the Tories failed to take into account the size of the trust, which has five hospitals across east Kent.

Misrepresented

"It seems that one insect or mouse is now defined as an infestation – a complete misunderstanding of the definition of the word which speaks of 'large amounts' of whatever the problem is," he said.

"Many of these incidents are actually routine inspections or return check-up visits made by the pest control company which we called in when a problem was discovered."

Bromley Hospitals NHS Trust said the Conservatives' report had "misrepresented" the pest control practice at its hospitals, which include the Princess Royal University Hospital in Farnborough and Orpington Hospital.

A spokesman said the trust had taken the unusual step of making an official complaint against the party, asking it to correct the misleading information that could cause unnecessary concerns for patients.

He said: "Our contract [with a pest controller] states that we require 26 visits and 12 to our administrative centre.

"The majority of the work in the current contract has been pigeon-proofing."

Contractors were called out to deal with just three separate incidents in addition to that.

These were a beetle infestation, removal of a dead pigeon and removal of a bird's nest, he added.

A spokesman for the Tories said: "Figures on pest problems in hospitals have never been published before and for that reason we have been very careful to present this data in a cautious way.

"We completely agree that regular preventative inspections are a good idea. In our table we simply recorded, that according to the Bromley Hospitals NHS Trust's own figures, pest controllers have been called in 74 times. Unfortunately they did not provide us with examples of where and when infestations took place and we were therefore unable to corroborate that against the number of visits by pest controllers.

"We need greater transparency in NHS infection control, and publishing data like this is one way in which we can drive up overall hygiene standards."

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust reported the presence of rats, mice, wasps, bees, ants and cockroaches on the main wards in response to the Tories' FoI (Freedom of Information) request.

Graham Goddard, the trust's estates development director, said: "Our hospitals do not have a specific problem. This report is based on the actions we have taken over two years to ensure our hospitals remain safe and clean."

He said that buildings of the hospitals' size and nature attracted pests, which is why specialist contractors were employed to carry out regular inspections.

Mr Goddard said: "Most of the examples which have been reported relate to Pembury Hospital.

"The buildings there are very old and we do take specific pest control measures, for instance where we know that our old external steam pipe ducts can attract pests."

He added that since building work had begun on the new privately financed hospital at the site, staff had been "extra-vigilant" for any disturbed wildlife from the surrounding woodland looking for a new home.

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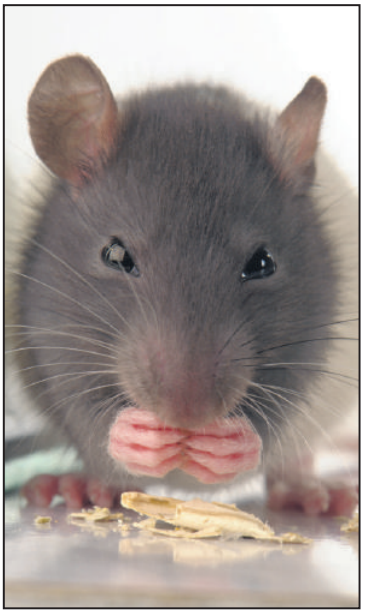

RATS: Hospitals argue that Tory claims over vermin infestation are misleading patients

Train showings

A DRIVE-in cinema showing two blockbuster films will be set up at Ebbsfleet International station next bank holiday weekend. The Bourne Ultimatum and Moulin Rouge will be displayed on two giant screens in one of the station's car parks, on Saturday, August 23, and Sunday, August 24, respectively. Motorists will receive the sound for the films through their car radios, and there is space for 500 vehicles.

Bored? Book in

BORED children in Swale have been invited to sign up for a text-messaging service that will give them information about new books. The scheme, launched by Kent Libraries and Archives, also encourages youngsters to critique what they have read online at www.boredinswale.co.uk. Each month, details of books available in the borough's libraries, linked to recent cinema releases or DVDs, will be sent out.

£280m ferry deal

P&O Ferries has signed a £280 million contract for the two largest ferries to ever be constructed for the Dover-to-Calais service. The first of the ships built by Finnish firm Aker Yards will enter service in December 2010 and the second in September 2011, replacing the Pride of Dover and the Pride of Calais. Chairman Robert Woods said: "This contract reflects our Dubai shareholders' strong belief in P&O Ferries."

Passport honour

A WARTIME civilian from Maidstone became the 500,000th person to benefit from a free passport. James Woolley, 82, received his gift from Home Office minister Lord West at the town's Museum of Kent Life on Wednesday. Lord West said the former HGV fitter's passport marked "a milestone in a scheme which honours every adult who helped defeat the evils of Nazism."

Medway patients have longest wait

THIRTY per cent of patients in Medway are waiting more than two days to see a doctor, figures from the health watchdog have revealed.

The region's primary care trust (PCT) performed weakly compared with Eastern and Coastal Kent and West Kent PCTs, which were in the top 20 per cent for GP waiting times nationally in the Healthcare Commission's latest patient survey.

Dr James Thallon, West Kent's medical director, said: "As a local GP myself I know that GPs in this area work very hard to offer a good service and to improve the service they offer, independently and in conjunction with the PCT, and I am glad that patients appreciate that."

He said the PCT was investing £3.2 million this year into improving dentistry, with new services opening across the area.

Patients did criticise having to wait a long time to see a consultant after getting referred by their GP, but Dr Thallon said he expected that to show "rapid improvement".

Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT said it was pleased the majority of patients were happy with the GP services in the area.

It also pledged to put money into dentistry – a spokesman said an extra £3.5m was being invested to provide more NHS dentists.

A spokeswoman for Medway PCT said: "There have been issues around patients accessing GP services in Medway and the PCT is well aware of that. We are currently working to increase the number of practices and availability for patients.

"The PCT is currently appointing four new practices in Medway which will offer greater choice through extended hours – one will be open from 8am to 8pm seven days a week."

DNA match convicts brutal rapist from seven years ago

21-year-old was kidnapped, driven into countryside and subjected to three attacks

By **NICK AMES**
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A CUSTOMS officer has been convicted of raping a single mum seven years ago – after police took his DNA as part of an unrelated probe.

Kelvin Bennett, 45, was arrested in February this year on suspicion of raping a woman in Folkestone in December, 2000, after cold case detectives matched his genetic profile against a national police database.

This week he was found guilty of three counts of rape and one of kidnap.

Maidstone Crown Court heard Kent Police found a sample provided following an unspecified allegation by his ex-partner in June, 2007, was a "full match" against the rape on December 9, 2000.

The jury heard Bennett, from Birmingham, set upon the 21-year-old, who is now 29, after grabbing her from behind as she walked to her mother's house.

He was living in Dover at the time.

The woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, wept from behind a screen as she described how she walked home from watching a Sex Pistols tribute band at her local pub with friends.

She told the court: "I felt someone grab me from behind so that I couldn't fight or break away. The next minute I was on the floor. I was trying to get up, but couldn't because my legs were being held so I was struggling.

"I started screaming hoping someone would hear me and come and help, but no-one did.

"The next minute I was being put into the car and driven away. I was crying – I asked him what he was going to do."

The court heard how the woman was attacked after pausing briefly to make a phone call to her boyfriend to tell him she loved him.

Shortly afterwards, she told the jury, she was grabbed by Bennett who had parked his car at the roadside.

She then screamed so loud that it alerted two neighbours at around 2.30am – who came out onto the dimly-lit street. But the woman was driven away before residents could investigate what was happening.

Trawling nightspots

She described how she was taken to secluded countryside spots before being raped three times.

She said: "I was crying – he said he would have to kill me, but I said 'please let me go'."

Prosecutor Cairns Nelson told the court the mother-of-one was then dumped in a dark lane before she ran to a country house where she banged frantically on the door before being let in.

Mr Nelson added Bennett was at the time involved in targeting cross-Channel cigarette and alcohol bootleggers.

He described Bennett as "a ladies' man" who enjoyed trawling nightspots to pick up women – but had to keep a low profile because of his job.

He said: "Kelvin Bennett lived something of a double life. Several times he went clubbing to meet ladies. He considered himself to be something of a ladies man.

"For more than six years in this case the perpetrator was unknown – he must have thought he had got away with it."

The team responsible for the conviction has been specifically assisgned to reinvestigate unsolved rapes and murders from the 1960s onwards – using new technology to cast fresh light on previous offences.

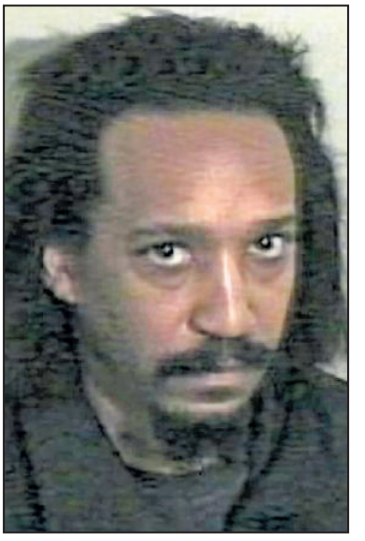
Det Chief Insp David Withers said: "This is a particularly satisfying result because the offender had eluded justice for a long time.

"But the law eventually caught up with him and his victim has the satisfaction of knowing he's about to serve his sentence behind bars.

"I hope this case highlights to everyone that rapists come from all walks of life. Like other serious offences, rape knows no social boundaries.

"We will continue to pursue people who commit serious offences, regardless of how much time has elapsed, and bring them before the courts."

Bennett will be sentenced at the same court on September 3.



RAPIST: Bennett threatened to kill his victim

Elderly benefit from pub food

A PUB in one of England's most caring villages is providing meals-on-wheels for the community's elderly and infirm residents.

Gayna Barry, landlady of the Flying Horse in Smarden, prepares up to 16 hot, two-course meals on weekdays for £3.50 a head.

Mrs Barry, who cooks all the food at the Shepherd Neame pub, said: "We don't make money – it's for the good of the community."

The Good Neighbour Scheme is one of the reasons why Smarden was judged Kent Village of the Year 2007-08.

Victims to gain understanding

SURVIVORS of domestic violence are being offered the chance to understand more about the crime and the role played by the attitudes and beliefs of the couple involved.

The Freedom Programme, run by Victim Support in Ashford's domestic abuse co-ordinator, Wendy Bartlett, runs as a course of 12 weekly sessions. The programme will run in the evenings from September 29 and in the mornings from September 10.

For more details about any of Victim Support's help call 01233 618014.

Tory councillor's death mourned

TRIBUTES were paid this week to Tory county councillor John Law, who died last Sunday following a stroke.

Mr Law, 76, who represented constituents living in the Herne Bay East ward, was elected to KCC seven years ago and served on a number of important committees.

KCC leader Paul Carter said: "John was a first rate councillor who used to the full his comprehensive business experience."

Cllr Law leaves wife Jean, a Canterbury city councillor and former deputy leader.

Degree honours Olympic athlete

BBC sports commentator and former Olympic athlete Stuart Storey has been given an honorary degree by the University of Greenwich in Medway.

The former holder of the British 200m hurdle record was given an honorary doctorate in science at Rochester Cathedral.

Given the same award was Keith Clarke, chief executive of the multinational engineering and design consultancy, Atkins. Mr Clarke is also chairman of the Construction Industry Council.

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BATTLE LINES: The protestors and police have clashed at the camp in what MPs describe as a 'campaign of harassment' by officers

MPs criticise policing as 'alienating' campaigners

LEADING politicians have condemned the "aggressive" and "provocative" policing approach to the climate camp in Kent.

More than 1,200 people, including environmental activists, families and academics are taking part in the camp near Kingsnorth to protest over plans for a new coal-powered plant at the site.

Tensions have been mounting since the first campers began to arrive last Thursday, when more than 100 officers raided the site and confiscated various items.

Campaigners clashed with officers in riot gear after what police said were concerns over safety access on Monday.

Police are now able to stop and search anyone at the camp without needing grounds to do so after their powers were extended on Thursday.

Caroline Lucas, the Green MEP for the South East, Norman Baker, the Lib Dem shadow transport secretary, and Labour backbencher Colin Challen wrote to Kent Police's Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas, calling for an end to officers' "attacks on the right to protest".

"Climate change must be a wholly legitimate subject of protest and demonstration," it said.

"If it is met (or is perceived to be met) by an arbitrary, destructive and aggressive police response the consequences will undoubtedly be a continued alienation between police and many decent, law-abiding people.

"We would ask you as a matter of urgency to take personal, immediate and direct action to resolve increasingly threatening confrontation."

Inquiry

The Climate Camp for Action told KOS Media it was calling for an independent inquiry into the policing.

Bob Marshall-Andrews, the Labour MP for Medway, condemned the police after seeing scenes of riot police clashing with eco-activists at the site on the Hoo Peninsula.

He said: "I find the use of police in riot gear incomprehensible and I think it was a mistake."

Dr Lucas said police were undertaking a "campaign of harassment of the camp" by searching everyone who entered and using a strategy designed to provoke protestors into less peaceful actions.

In the letter to ACC Thomas the politicians said during raids 20 protestors needed medical attention and a number were taken to A&E with suspected head injuries.

It said while some searches had been justified, others, which saw tents, ground sheets, banners and mobiles taken, were "an attempt to disrupt peaceful protest itself".

A day of action was planned for Saturday, with protestors aiming to shut down the existing plant at Kingsnorth.

Protesters say the first new coal-fired power station in 30 years in the UK would pump six million tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere a year and pave the way for more across the country.

They are calling for more renewable energy, such as wind and solar, instead.

Energy giant E.ON, which owns the site, said the new plant will be 20 per cent more efficient than the existing one, which will be decommissioned by 2015.

In a statement, Kent Police said ACC Thomas had replied to the letter saying police responded directly to activity at the camp.

He said: "The difficulty I have in policing this protest does not relate to the majority of participants... but rather to the small minority who appear to be planning for criminality through direct action."

Routine patrols by officers in standard uniform had to stop because of a "hard-line minority" intent on disruptive and criminal action, he said.

ACC Thomas said police had no record of anyone requiring hospital treatment or the numbers of casualties claimed [in the politicians' letter].

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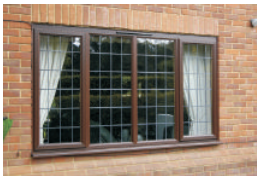

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Brands chiefs back safety record after racer's death

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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THE OWNERS of Brands Hatch have defended their safety record after one of the country's brightest young hopes in motorsport was killed at the circuit.

Craig Jones, from Northwich, died from serious head injuries after a crash during the FIM Supersport World Championship race at the Kent circuit.

The 23-year-old lost control and fell from his Team Parkalgar CBR600 Honda at Clark Curve and was then struck by a following rider last Sunday.

Freak incident

A spokeswoman for MotorSport Vision, which has owned the circuit near Longfield since 2004, said it was a "freak incident".

Mr Jones is the third person to die since the company took over the race track. She said: "This shows that, although motorsport can be a dangerous activity, fatalities are rare, which is testament to the safety precautions and standard of medical care at the circuit."

She said Clark Curve was not a particularly dangerous bend on the circuit and the two other racers killed at the site had died at different points.

Robert Sketchley, from Sittingbourne, raced for British Supersport Cup on a Honda 600, but has been out of action after a bad crash two years ago at the Thruxton circuit in Essex.

Although Mr Jones was at a higher level, the two racers knew each other briefly.

Mr Sketchley said: "When I was last in the British Cup we would see each other around. He always seemed relaxed and happy in the paddock. He was confident but not arrogant."

Mr Sketchley, 28, had hoped to start racing again this season but broke his leg badly while training.

He said: "Clark Curve is a hard corner because when you come out you have to get on the gas as early as you can… It was a freak accident because he was being chased and they were so close to each other and trying to get the lead.

"At the level they're at, they have to push so hard and crashes happen."

Will Longhurst, an amateur racer from Sidcup, regularly takes part in track days at Brands Hatch and is intending to start his racing season there next year.

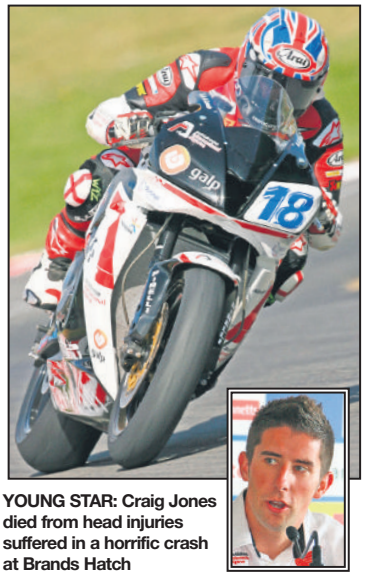
"The accident could have happened on almost any corner of any circuit in the world," the 23-year-old said.

"Clark Curve is a fast off-camber turn which can easily lead to a crash if it is not taken correctly. However, crashes can occur on any corner of any race tack if it is not taken correctly.

"I have crashed on a track day at Brands at Clarke Curve, fortunately I was uninjured and this goes to show the safety provisions available at Brands."

He said in his experience, safety was of utmost importance to event organisers and the track owners.

"Motorcycle racing does have the stigma of a dangerous sport, which to a certain extent it true. However, every rider that lines up on the starting grid of the race is aware of the potential danger and knows that if you ride on track regularly that a crash is inevitable, it is part of racing.



YOUNG STAR: Craig Jones died from head injuries suffered in a horrific crash at Brands Hatch

"An incident of this nature is always tragic, yet every racer is willing to take the risk as the reward of racing is so great, which is why I intend to continue with my first racing season next year," Mr Longhurst added.

Jonathan Palmer, chief executive of MotorSport Vision paid tribute to Mr Jones, who was described by his team as "one of Britain's brightest hopes in World Championship motorcycle racing".

He said: "Craig was a super young guy and only on the Saturday evening I was chatting to him in the paddock with him telling me about his WSB ambitions for 2009.

"Craig was so determined and professional, would always say hello and enthusiastically keep me in touch with his progress."

The promising young rider was rushed to receive specialist medical attention at the Royal London Hospital by the Kent Air Ambulance, but died from his injuries in the early hours of Monday morning.

Mr Palmer added: "Britain has lost a wonderful rider whom I admired enormously and had every chance of being a future world champion.

"It is fitting that the abiding memory so many of us will have of Craig was him riding brilliantly, battling for the lead of an incredible race, in front of his home crowd."

Simon Buckmaster, the team's manager, said: "The team's thoughts are with Craig's family and friends at this very difficult time. Craig's family passes on its thanks to all well wishers."

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Doctors get shirty over uniform rules

Consultants query 'below-the-elbow ban'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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DOCTORS in hospitals across Kent have been told to ditch their traditional long-sleeved white coats, shirts and ties for a dress code designed to help infection control.

The new rules have sparked controversy among the county's consultants, with some questioning the scientific evidence behind the move.

There are also concerns that some patients may think they had gone through their hospital stay without seeing a 'proper' doctor.

Conventional garb of tailored suits, long sleeved-shirts and turn-over cuffs, ties bearing university, medical school or Royal College insignia, wrist watches and a pen in the top pocket of the jacket are now banned and could constitute a disciplinary offence is some hospitals.

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Germs

For the spring/summer 08 season 'bare below the elbows' is now in vogue, including no wrist watches, so that hands can be properly washed.

Doctors have also been told not to wear ties, because they are rarely washed and have been shown to harbour germs, although bow ties are allowed under the NHS-wide directive from the Department of Health.

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust began enforcing the new uniform policy in July.

Dr John Sewell, a consultant physician at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, said it was important for the public to be made aware of the change and that it was being introduced to highlight the NHS's commitment to tackling infections and improving hygiene standards.

"Patients may be disconcerted when they see an open neck and short sleeves and may think it is casual or even disrespectful," he said.

"There have been some expressions of concern from staff but people are largely complying.

"It is useful to highlight the fact that consultants are changing what they wear so people know it is not dressing down, it is part of infection control practice.

"Some may disagree but the general feeling is it reminds everyone to wash their hands."

He said in some specialties, consultants feel that it could be seen as disrespectful to impart bad or upsetting news to patients and loved ones while so casually dressed.

Dr Sewell welcomed KOS Media's successful hand hygiene campaign which has emphasised the need for patients and visitors to wash their hands with soap and water and alcogel in hospitals and other healthcare centres around the county.

The award-winning publisher has been working with the NHS in Kent to raise awareness about superbugs such as Clostridium difficile and MRSA, how they are spread and how basic hygiene helps infection control and prevention.

An alternative to the new dress code could be that all staff wear scrubs as they do in most other European countries, perhaps in different colours to identify doctors' specialities, it has been suggested.

Dr Sewell said: "Most hospitals have so few changing rooms there would be a queue to get in and out, so it is just not practical and the laundries are not geared up for it yet. But I think eventually we will be doing that in this country, but it will take some time."

On a less serious note there has also been talk among the county's consultants that each doctor could sport a bow-tie for comedic effect.

The Department of Health's guidance on dress code notes that although there is not conclusive evidence that clothing, such as ties, pose a significant hazard in terms of spreading infection, it admits the public believe there is a risk.

This case was proven during an incident of a doctor returning from holiday, having missed details of the new uniform policy, wearing a tie. He told how his patients had complained to a nurse about the offending neck-wear, demonstrating how hygiene savvy people are becoming.

Remember, all healthcare professionals say they do not mind being challenged about their behaviour when it comes to hygiene and infection control practice. Ask 'have you washed your hands?'

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and Medway NHS Foundation Trust have both confirmed the new dress code was in force across their hospitals.

However, others have been less quick to catch on and the August edition of the British Medical Journal features advertisement and editorial photographs where doctors are failing to comply with the 'bare below-the-elbows' policy.

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Tourism feels the benefit of bad economic climate

RIDE ON: An advertising campaign on London buses and tubes has promoted the county

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THE credit crunch could mean big money for Kent's tourism industry as holidaymakers begin to shun foreign destinations.

Visitor information centres and attractions across the county recorded an increase in footfall in June compared to the same time last year, and in most cases between 60 and 90 per cent were British visitors.

The statistics were released this week by Visit Kent, a not-for-profit group dedicated to promoting the county to non-residents.

Chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said the increase in visitors this year was in part "undoubtedly" due to the credit crunch.

She said: "People are definitely showing a tendency to holiday at home this year and it's mostly down to the current economic climate.

Footfall

"The everyday cost of living is higher, mortgages are higher and fuel and food prices are going up.

"People are paying out a lot more just to live their normal lives and coupled with the fear of a recession they're becoming a little more cautious with their money.

"The top European destinations to visit are Spain, France, Germany, Holland and Italy, and they're all one-third to one-half more expensive than they have been in the past.

"Cheap weekends are not so much the case any more. Flights are more expensive and when you actually get there the meals and accommodation are dearer too."

Thirteen of 21 visitor information centres sent questionnaires by Visit Kent returned them, and of those seven reported a rise in footfall. Five reported a fall and one was unable to obtain the information.

An additional 5,875 people visited the centres in total, compared to June, 2007.

Forty-one attractions also returned the questionnaire, with 28 recording an increase in visitors. Due to confidentiality agreements with those quizzed, Visit Kent was unable to provide KOS Media with data for specific towns and attractions.

Mrs Matthews-Marsh said Kent's proximity to Europe and London made it the perfect location to benefit from the current economic downturn.

She added: "We're close to some big population centres and we have a tremendous amount of attractions on offer.

"We have sandy beaches, historic castles and beautiful areas of countryside all in a small area.

"I don't think we'll ever see a return to the days of British people holidaying primarily at home because now people have experienced foreign travel they're not going to want to turn the clock back.

"But more and more people are discovering what is available on their own doorstep."

News of the visitor increase comes at a time when a £500,000 advertising campaign launched by Visit Kent in partnership with the railway firm Southeastern draws to a close.

Passengers boarding London buses, the Underground, and trains at major stations including Victoria and Charing Cross, have been urged to visit the county by a series of posters – and the message seems to have paid off.

However, Mrs Matthews-Marsh said the credit crunch and the advertising campaign was not entirely to thank for the increase.

She explained: "Apart from a couple of thunderstorms, the weather has been pretty good here too."

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Closure of care home hits a bum note with musicians

A RESIDENTIAL home dedicated to looking after retired musicians is being forced to close because it can't fill the beds.

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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The announcement from the Musicians Benevolent Fund, has left the 15 residents shocked and comes after a year-long review of its services. Management admit it will be "distressing".

They said Ivor Newton House, a 21-bed care home in Bromley that opened in 1975, will shut next year. It is the only one of its kind in the UK.

The MBF said its hand was forced because it had become increasingly difficult to fill beds.

It spends £2 million a year helping around 1,500 people who used to be in any branch of the music business.

The MBF said it will continue to support retired musicians and their dependants in residential and nursing care, but will no longer be involved directly in residential care provision.

Previous residents at the home include Czech conductor Vilem Tausky and British conductor Stanford Robinson.

Both students and professional musicians would give recitals to the residents.

Obligation

One resident is Len Davis.

He said: "I have lived in Ivor Newton House since 2004 and there is no way I want to move.

"Ivor Newton House is entirely fit for purpose as far as the residents and staff are concerned, and has always received acceptable reports from the authorities.

"I would be very angry if the MBF, as a charity, decided to forcibly evict people from their home at this stage of their lives."

The MBF said it has no choice but to shut.

Chairman Richard Lyttelton said: "This decision has not been taken without a great deal of thought.

"But it has become increasingly difficult to fill the home as more and more people seeking our support wish to go into residential care closer to where they live or near family and friends.

"And as people are now staying in their own homes longer, they move into residential care when they need specialist nursing or dementia care facilities, which Ivor Newton House can not offer."

The home won't be closing until the end of October next year, to enable both residents and staff to make decisions about their future and to take advantage of the packages of support the MBF has put in place for them during the closure period.

Mr Lyttelton added: "It's always distressing to have to consider the closure of a home, particularly one held in such affection as Ivor Newton House, but the MBF has a clear obligation to consider the best interests of all its beneficiaries and how best to apply its resources to their greatest long-term benefit."

The MBF will support residents in finding new homes, and cover the cost of removals.

It added it also funds "a large number of older people in other residential, nursing and dementia care homes around the country, who have preferred to stay in their local area rather than move to Bromley".

Staff at the Ivor Newton Home will be given 'enhanced' redundancy packages and support in finding new jobs.

The Musicians Union said it will do its "utmost to support the current residents", many of whom are in their 90s.

Pain help anniversary

A GROUNDBREAKING team working in Medway to treat patients suffering from chronic pain has celebrated its 10th anniversary.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust's pain management programme was established by Dr Bob Buist, an anaesthesia and pain management consultant, to help patients whose pain cannot be helped by medical treatment.

Before he set up the team, sufferers had to travel to St Thomas' Hospital in London for the type of treatment he offers.

Dr Buist said: "Acute pain usually lasts for up to 12 weeks, but for some patients, pain continues long after treatment has ended.

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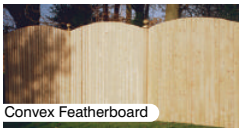
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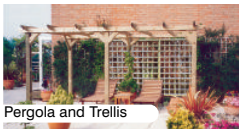
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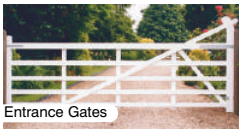
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Roll up, one more time

THE show will go on – for one more year at least – as Moscow State Circus has been allowed to use its usual Kingsmead site after its sale was delayed by Canterbury council.

The site will soon be home to a new school, and although the council has agreed to sell the land to Kent County Council, the sale will not go through by October, so the land is available to the circus.

Council leader Cllr John Gilbey said: "We are pleased to offer the circus the land at Kingsmead, but we must make it absolutely clear that this is the last year they will be able to use this site."

Launch lunch is a celebrity affair

DAME Kelly Holmes and Vic Reeves were among the celebrities who attended the launch of television chef Richard Phillips' new Tenterden restaurant.

More than 200 guests invited to experience Richard Phillips @ Chapel Down were treated to canapés and wine while a live jazz band provided the entertainment.

Some even had the chance to dine at the exclusive chef's table to sample a range of dishes prepared by Phillips and his team.

Phillips said: "The launch was a huge success. Everyone involved in this project has worked really hard to make tonight an incredible achievement.

"Everyone who came along had a wonderful time."

The event raised money for Demelza House children's hospice in Sittingbourne, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

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Herpes outbreak good news for our growers

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AN OYSTER company in Whitstable has been urged to take advantage of the herpes crisis killing billions of the shellfish in France.

Warmer waters along the Atlantic coast have led to an abundance of plankton, meaning the oysters are assured of food and are instead concentrating on developing their sexual organs.

But this has left them open to infection, and now the French must look elsewhere or face a severe shortage of the delicacy over the next few years.

So far it is estimated around eight billion of the molluscs have already died.

Whitstable is famous for its oysters, with natives growing wild and Pacific rocks being farmed off the coast.

Representatives of the Shellfish Association have urged UK growers to capitalise on the situation, and Whitstable marine biologist John Bayes said it presented a great opportunity for the Seasalter Shellfish firm, of which he is managing director.

He added: "We have plenty of room here to grow five or 10 times as many oysters. It costs money to increase production, but if we can we could be looking at some seriously big income.

"We would have increased our exports to France straight away if we had the stuff, but these deaths were not foreseeable and we haven't had time to up our production.

"Also the French want them a certain size and we sell them quite small, so it will take a few years to get them to how they want them.

"However it's purely hypothetical that the French oysters are dying of herpes. It's such a common virus that occurs in lots of different creatures, and it seems quite an easy disease to blame.

"It's like saying 'this animal has got blood in it'."

Mr Bayes is all too familiar with the problems sick oysters can cause to businesses like Seasalter Shellfish.

In 2000 the firm faced financial ruin when it was forced to close its oyster beds following the discovery of a bug that caused sickness and diarrhoea in humans.

The crisis cost five of the company's 22 workers their jobs and resulted in the closure of its harbour-side offices and the sale of one of its hatcheries.

Further problems materialised earlier this year in Whitstable when its entire clam population died.

Mr Bayes said: "I have a lot of sympathy for the French growers, but they will receive some government support, which is something I would like to have.

"This is not the first time there have been serious oyster mortalities in France, or in this country for that matter. The growers out there will get back on their feet I'm sure."

Scientists fear that as waters heat up due to global warming, oysters may regularly face such illnesses in the future and therefore disrupt France's annual production of 120,000 tons – the largest in Europe and fourth biggest in the world.

However, with China producing more than 80 per cent of the world's oyster supply, and Japan and South Korea the next biggest growers, there is no great risk of a global shortage.

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KCC's old computers dumped 3,000 miles away in Africa

POVERTY stricken Ghanaians are putting their lives at risk by rooting through toxic waste containing illegally dumped computers once belonging to Kent County Council.

The BBC's West Africa correspondent Will Ross revealed this week that broken equipment containing harmful chemicals dominated the dump, in the nation's capital city of Accra.

Described as a "computer graveyard", some of the many piles of monitors, hard drives and keyboards were said to bear KCC's logo.

Deputy leader Alex King was in the dark as to how the council's unwanted equipment had ended up about 3,000 miles away.

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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He said: "We are extremely concerned and surprised to see reference to KCC in relation to the news item on the dumping of obsolete ICT equipment in Ghana.

"KCC disposals are organised through specialist third-party companies and the council places emphasis on its contracts on the standards to be followed throughout the disposals process.

"The council is now urgently seeking additional information to identify serial numbers. This will help establish which of our suppliers had responsibility for disposal of the items.

"The reports indicate a clear failure to comply with contractual obligations, and if an audit trail can be established the council will take action against the company concerned."

Young Ghanaians dissect the dumped computers for any reusable parts they may find, including lenses from disc drives and circuit boards, and sell them on.

However, soil and water samples taken at the dump by Greenpeace revealed high concentrations of leads, phthalates or plastic softeners and dioxins known to promote cancer.

There are international laws banning the export of computer waste, but people are getting around this by labelling the shipments as 'usable second-hand goods'.

However, it is suspected about 90 per cent of the computers do not work.

Kent Green Party spokesman Steve Dawe said it was no excuse for KCC to say it did not know its equipment was being dumped in Ghana.

He added: "The council has a responsibility to make sure its waste goes to the right place. There needs to be an investigation into this.

"A lot of computers KCC doesn't want anymore could be recycled and used in Kent's schools, thus saving them money.

"A new directive will eventually ensure all computer waste ends up back with the companies that produced them in the first place.

"It's not good enough for KCC to pass the responsibility onto other people."

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Festival that has something for all folk

BANGING ON: Broadstairs Folk Festival will attract nearly 100,000 people

MORE than 500 attractions will be on offer during Broadstairs' annual Folk Week, which started on Friday, ***writes Steve Knight***.

The highlight of the town's social calendar includes an array of great artists performing in a variety of styles, as well as dance sessions, a fireworks display, craft fair and more.

Festival director Jo Tuffs said Folk Week's diversity was probably key to its success.

She added: "We have lots of small events as well as big headline acts and there's lots of free music in the pubs.

"People all have a different type of festival. If you ask a variety of people about it, their experiences would all be different."

Folk Week began life in 1965 as the brainchild of the late Jack Hamilton, who believed Broadstairs was the perfect spot for a celebration of folk music.

Over the years it has grown and developed, finding a natural focal point in Pierremont Park.

This year's many highlights include Eliza Carthy, the Poozies, Cara Dillon, Dave Pegg and PJ Wright, The Bully Wee Band and Robb Johnson.

The number of people attracted to Broadstairs during Folk Week has been estimated at about 100,000.

Mrs Tuffs said: "The success of the festival means some businesses can survive the winter. It seems to promote a thriving scene in Broadstairs for the rest of the year, such as in pubs, because they know there's an audience."

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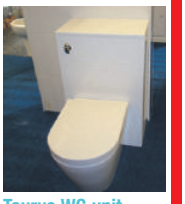

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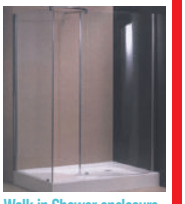

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Increased housing sparks fears of a water shortage

Calls for public inquiry into water firms' plan of action

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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WATER companies have been accused of not being properly prepared for the drastic rise in Kent's housing numbers.

Members of the county council's cabinet have called on Environment Secretary Hilary Benn to hold a public inquiry as they fear there will not be adequate water supplies or sewerage facilities to be able to cope.

Last month the Government released its final draft of the South East Plan, which would see 140,000 new homes built throughout Kent by 2026 – just under 7,000 per year.

Infrastructure

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter said there was a general concern the county's five water providers – South East Water, Folkestone and Dover Water Services, Southern Water, Thames Water and Sutton and East Surrey Water – were not working together to plan for the future.

He said: "There is a great danger of houses being built without adequate water supplies and sewerage facilities.

"In addition, the cabinet is highly concerned the additional infrastructure costs will eventually fall on the residents of Kent through water rate increases, which are adjudicated upon by Ofwat."

The water companies' plans for the next 25 years are currently under review and have to be approved by Mr Benn before they can be implemented.

KCC's cabinet called for the public inquiry after being asked to comment on the proposals for the first time and enlisted the help of a leading UK water resources consultant to prepare its reply.

Sean Furey, deputy director of the Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, agreed with the cabinet's assessment.

He said: "Overall there appears to be a lack of co-ordination between the water companies. For example, South East Water is proposing to build a reservoir at Broad Oak near Canterbury (at a cost of about £200 million), but Southern Water doesn't want to.

"That's because they use different data for their drought models.

"We are going to end up with solutions that are more expensive for customers and that put the environment at more risk, all due to a lack of sharing of resources and of developing shared solutions to a common problem."

A lack of available water for thousands of new homes could be especially damaging should the UK suffer another severe drought like in the summer of 2006 – the driest in 100 years.

Stakeholders

A spokesman for the Environment Agency (EA), which is responsible for implementing hosepipe bans across the country, said: "We very much encourage the water companies to work together more to find the best overall, shared solution to water resources.

"We have reviewed and thoroughly scrutinised the companies' plans and have sent our responses to Defra (the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).

"We expect them to fully consider the impact of development on people, the environment and the economy."

Meyrick Gough, planning and strategy manager for Southern Water and a member of the Water in the South East group, spoke on behalf of all five firms.

He said: "Water companies in the South East as a matter of routine work closely together and with the EA and other stakeholders on both planning and operational matters.

"Currently the companies are working with the EA, Ofwat and Defra to derive a regional solution for the South East.

"This process has been in practice since 1997 and has been used to formulate regional strategies for the past 10 years.

"Companies have the responsibility to provide secure and sustainable high quality water supplies to meet projected demand, and each of the water companies' 25-year draft water resources management plans (WRMP) detail how this will be done.

"We note KCC's call for a public inquiry, but there is an established process to address these concerns. The WRMPs are already subject to detailed review by Government, regulators, other agencies and public scrutiny.

"Plans are put out to public consultation with full participation by consumer groups including the Consumer Council for Water, and representations can come from the widest possible range of groups and from individuals."

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Part of the problem is that some drivers don't always know when they are in a 30mph zone. In fact, recent research by the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership showed that over 73% of drivers didn't know that a street light generally meant they were driving in a 30mph zone unless otherwise stated.

That's why a new campaign called 'Street Lights Mean 30' has been launched to raise awareness of the speed limit in built up areas. If you were in Canterbury recently, you may have seen the Streetlight Singers who were dressed in 9ft street light costumes to draw attention to the start of the campaign. The costumes were fun, but the message is serious - breaking the speed limit or driving too fast for the conditions on the road, contributes to more than 850 deaths and 33,000 injuries in England every year.

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The fun days include a block paving exercise and a surveying and setting out exercise. These specific activities have been chosen because they give the students a chance to learn through hands on experience.

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Thanet	11.8.08	18.8.08	High Street, Ramsgate	Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains
	12.8.08	23.8.08	Northdown Road, Margate	Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains
	14.8.08	29.8.08	Hereson Road, Ramsgate	Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains

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'We'll be in great peril'

Archbishop hits out at American Anglicans' liberal attitude to gay marriage that's split the Church

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

A PEACEFUL gathering of the world's Anglican bishops ended with the Archbishop of Canterbury slamming North American churches for allowing same-sex marriages.

Standing before 670 of his peers at the University of Kent last Sunday, Dr Rowan Williams said he felt liberals in the United States and Canada were causing the communion to splinter.

He said: "If North American churches do not accept the need for a moratorium, we are no further forward. We continue to be in grave peril."

Making his third and final presidential speech at the 10-yearly meeting, Dr Williams said the "pieces are on the board" to resolve the issue over homosexuality and he put forward the idea of a "covenanted future" involving a "global church of interdependent communities."

Arguments

The Lambeth Conference ran for 18 days from July 16 and included a mix of prayers, reflection, conversations and efforts to hold a divided Church together.

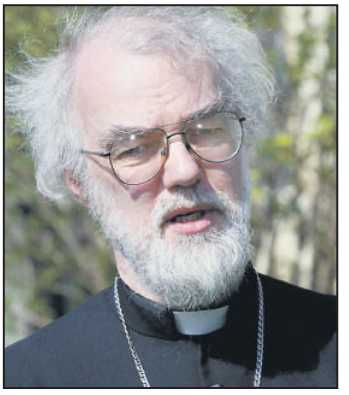
Arguments over same-sex marriages and the consecration of gay clergy have pushed liberals and conservatives apart over the last few months, with 230 bishops boycotting the conference to form the breakaway Global Anglican Future Conference (Gafcon).

However, according to the Bishop of Tonbridge, Dr Brian Castle, the Anglican communion was now a lot stronger than it was before the conference began.

He said: "It was a good gathering where all the churches felt they belonged to one another. I felt it brought us closer and it became apparent we had a special relationship we all want to continue and deepen.

"There were significant issues we needed to look at and address, and these were faced head-on and discussed.

"Although there were no immediate solutions to the issues we are facing, as the Archbishop said, the pieces are on the board and the mechanism is in place for us to try to work something out.



PLEA: Dr Williams addressed conference

"The Church is definitely stronger. The communion has come out of the conference in better shape than it went in. You can't expect miracles to happen over two weeks, although having said that they have happened in the past. It will take a long time to work something out. When we are unified we are better at preaching the Gospel."

When asked if he agreed North American churches were to blame for the split in the communion, Dr Castle replied: "I wouldn't use that kind of language because they have suffered some problems over there.

"We're not in the blame game and we were all at the conference to listen to other churches' difficulties.

"They have been debating the possibility of same-sex marriages in a traditional church setting and the province has agreed on a moratorium. Unfortunately, one or two churches have been going against that."

One of those who boycotted the conference, Bishop of Rochester Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, was unavailable for comment.

Bishop of Maidstone Graham Cray and Bishop of Dover Stephen Venner could also not be reached.

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Council forced to step in to try and help an old favourite return to seaside town

Beach needs ass-istance

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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BRAY WATCH: For the first time since the 1980s Margate Sands is without a donkey ride

DONKEY rides on the seaside beach are as English as fish and chips and kiss-me-quick hats, but now they have vanished from Margate.

The Thanet resort is one of Britain's most recognisable seaside towns, along with the likes of Blackpool and Torquay.

But now Nick Gunn, who has held the concession for the last half a dozen or so years, has pulled out because of "personal reasons".

He said he does not want to talk about why he stepped down from the job.

It has left the sands 'sans' donkeys for the first time since the 1980s.

Welfare

Thanet Council has put out an urgent appeal for someone to step in and start up the donkey rides for tourists once more.

The beasts have been on the beach, on and off, for more than seven decades.

The council said: "We are optimistic the donkeys will be back on the beach before too long. We are inviting people to contact us to take over the contract to run the donkey rides, which are part of the beach scene."

One woman who is desperate to see donkeys back on the beach at Margate is Conservative councillor Shirley Tomlinson.

The council's commercial and environmental portfolio holder is responsible for, among other less important things, the beach and its donkeys.

And in the past she had a personal stake in their welfare.

Cllr Tomlinson said: "The donkeys are very important to the town. They have been a part of Margate and a feature on the beach since before the war and it's sad they are not there.

"I used to be what they called a 'donkey girl' between 1966 and 1967. I was 13 at the time and earning half a crown a day walking the donkeys up and down the beach for the visitors.

"They were run then by a man known as Donkey Brown. He had 20-odd donkeys at the time, which was pretty much the heyday for them.

"More recently we had just two donkeys on the beach, but now they are gone.

"It's very sad, but we are determined to see them back. The donkeys that worked the beach most recently are now living out their lives in a grassy field somewhere."

She added: "We've already had interest in the prospect of bringing the donkeys back to our beaches from summer 2009, which is excellent news. Anyone who is interested in taking this on should apply in writing to the council's Foreshores team."

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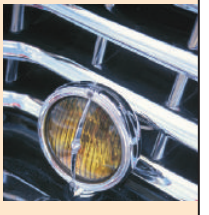

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Kent prison is in top-10 most crowded in UK

CANTERBURY prison has been named one of the most overcrowded in England and Wales.

With 312 offenders on its books and just 195 places, it ranks joint ninth on the Prison Reform Trust's top 20 with an overcrowded percentage of 160.

However, the Ministry of Justice says the figures are inaccurate and do not take into account prisoners who are absent for legitimate reasons.

Prisons minister David Hanson said: "The figures published by the Ministry of Justice and reproduced in part by the Prison Reform Trust do not show any prison operating beyond the safe level agreed by prisons and area managers.

"Where a handful of prisons appear to be over their operational capacity, this is attributed to the fact that a prisoner, or a number of prisoners, are absent for legitimate reasons such as when a prisoner is recorded as part of a prison's population, but is being held outside the establishment.

"This would be the case when a prisoner is in hospital or released on temporary licence. We will always provide enough prison places for the most dangerous, violent and persistent offenders."

According to the trust's league table the most overcrowded prison in England and Wales is Shrewsbury, at 183 per cent.

The prisons that share the same percentage as Canterbury are Durham and Exeter.

Trust director Juliet Lyon said: "Ministers have grown complacent about jail overcrowding. Massive prison growth will not end of its own accord.

"Right now the prison population is mushrooming out of control and the Government is still trying hopelessly to build its way out of a crisis."

Is the internet raising the next generation?

A DOCUMENTARY film-maker is looking for volunteer families to help him explore how the internet and social networking is changing domestic life and society as a whole, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Producer Norman Thomas, of Thanet-based film company, TV Choice, said: "New research shows that British children are spending more than 20 hours a week online, with 40 per cent of eight to 11-year-olds, and 71 per cent of 12 to 15-year-olds saying they browse the web on their own.

"In effect, some children are being raised online – so it's a major social issue."

Tanya Byron, the TV parenting guru and clinical psychologist, published her Government-commissioned report into protecting children from inappropriate internet and gaming content in March.

She found there was a need to empower children to manage the risks they faced, but there was also a generational digital divide meaning that parents either reacted with fear or helplessness.

A survey published this week by ICM for Play England found that up to half of seven to 12-year-olds were banned from playing conkers, climbing trees or riding their bikes by over-protective parents.

But three-quarters of the children were allowed to surf the internet without adult supervision.

Mr Thomas, who lives in Broadstairs, agreed that it would be interesting to ask families in Kent whether parents would rather their children played online than outside.

WEBWISE: Research revealed UK children are spending up to 20 hours a week online

As part of the project, he has spoken to a range of experts including Baroness Susan Greenfield, who is a neuroscientist and director of the Royal Institute.

"She said the danger is that people are more or less raised online, they are born with the internet and are growing up with it.

"Their brains are being developed and shaped by their interaction with the internet so their reactions and outlook are different to the present generations," he said.

Baroness Greenfield believes a life spent in front of a screen is less enriching than one spent poring over books because it is lived in the here and now and dominated by short-term excitements.

Mr Thomas said it was difficult to know what the future holds for this coming online generation.

"Are we really equipping these children to cope with the real world in any way?" he said.

"It seems we are insulating them against the outside world and letting them roam around in a fantasy world instead.

"Some of the scientists have been telling us that it could lead to them recoiling from ordinary interaction."

Play England, which is part of the National Children's Bureau and supported by the Big Lottery Fund, found that only 29 per cent of children played outside their homes or designated playgrounds to experience creative 'adventurous' play.

"Adventurous play that both challenges and excites children helps instil critical life skills.

"Constantly wrapping children in cotton wool can leave them ill-equipped to deal with situations they might encounter later in life," said its director Adrian Voce.

Mr Thomas said he was particularly interested in talking to teenagers using social networking sites like Facebook or those hooked on computer games, so they would have the chance to give their side of the story.

"Many parents are worried about what their children are up to on the internet. We want to interview mother and fathers about how they feel about what their children are doing," he added.

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Drug smuggling pair caught with £6m haul

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

TWO lorry drivers have been given long jail sentences after smuggling drugs worth more than £6 million into Kent in two separate incidents.

Both men were brought before Canterbury Crown Court after their illicit loads were found by customs at Dover docks.

A 45-year-old Polish national was jailed for 19 years after being found guilty of smuggling 95 kilos of cocaine worth £4 million.

The court heard lorry driver and mechanic Jan Uzdowski, from the town of Nidzica, was stopped on January 26 at the Inward Freight Controls driving a Polish registered vehicle.

Customs spotted a concealed compartment in the floor of the trailer where 48 packages were found. One was opened and a white powder, which later tested positive for cocaine, was found.

White boxes

Sentencing, Judge Timothy Nash told him: "It is difficult to see how the jury could have come to any other verdict."

Also at Canterbury, another lorry driver was jailed for more than 10 years after getting caught smuggling amphetamine sulphate with an estimated street value of £2.5m.

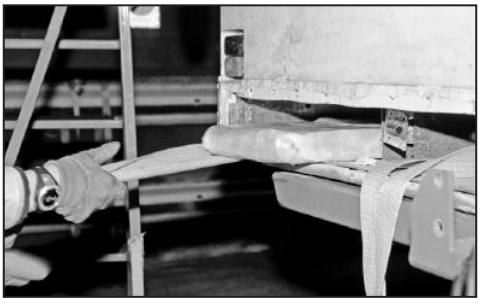
Eric Oliver, 49, from St Andrew's Road, Hayling Island, Hampshire, was jailed after being found guilty of smuggling 300kgs of the illegal drug worth £2m.

He too was stopped by customs at Dover Eastern Docks, on June 17 last year, at the wheel of a British registered lorry with a declared load of airfreight en route from Amsterdam to Heathrow.

After questioning Oliver, officers searched the cab and trailer and discovered 12 unmarked white boxes at the rear of the load.

When opened, each box revealed clear bags containing a white powder which, when tested, proved to be amphetamines.

Passing a 10-and-a-half year sentence, Judge Michael O'Sullivan said: "You acted as a courier which is not an insubordinate role and would have been a trusted participant."



SENTENCED: (Centre) Police found 48 packages containing cocaine in Jan Uzdowski lorry (far left), while Eric Oliver (left) had £2m of drugs

Rotary Club get ready for party

A SWINGING Sixties show is heading for the Isle of Thanet.

The Rotary Club of Broadstairs is staging the party night at the Margate Winter Gardens later this month with tickets on sale now.

The line-up stars Marmalade, Johnny Leyton, who sang Johnny Remember Me, and The Fortunes who had a hit with You've Got Your Troubles.

The fun starts at 7pm with a basket supper meal – performances start at 7.45pm.

The club's Michael Dicks said: "The last event of this kind in 2005 was a memorable night. I'm sure this one will be even better."

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DELIGHTED: Anders Wiklund, head of business to business for Paf

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Dead ferrets given a new lease of life by American fans

Band release first album after 20-year split

GOOD OLD DAYS: (From left) Cathy Brooks, Steve Maguire, Chris Fenner, Paul Skilbeck, Nigel Chatfield

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A ROCK band that played to small crowds in Maidstone in the late 1970s has won its first record deal more than 20 years after splitting up.

The Performing Ferrets' first album, No One Told Us, was released late last month by American label Hyped to Death, which had picked up on the popularity of a website created by the band's guitarist Nigel Chatfield.

Nigel, 48, said the site for the post-punk indie band receives about 3,000 hits per week and that a self-produced LP recorded in the early 1980s is now fetching as much as $700 in the States.

"I think the first internet search I ever tried when I bought a computer was for the Performing Ferrets, but there was no record of us unfortunately," he said.

"So I set up a single web page to begin with and it's just grown from there. Now there are hundreds of references to us online. I think American music fans like British bands in particular, and our LP has become a bit of a collector's item.

"It obviously helps that it's such a big country and that the Americans have such an eclectic taste of music.

"We always thought we would get a record deal eventually, but we didn't think it would be in 2008."

The Performing Ferrets began life as The Ferret Band back in 1978 and played their first gig to 16 people in a shed belonging to the father of vocalist-turned-drummer Chris Fenner, in Coxheath.

As well as Nigel and Chris, the group also consisted of Paul Skilbeck, Steve Maguire and Cathy Brooks.

A range of instruments were used to create the Ferrets' 'trash rock' style, including a recorder and melodica as well as more traditional instruments.

Nigel said: "We formed by just messing about more than anything else, but things seemed to pick up after a while. We were always fairly confident in our own stuff, even if no-one else was at the time.

"At the time there wasn't really anywhere in Maidstone that put on live bands, so we had to do a lot of our own promotion and find our own venues. We played a lot at the Queen's Head in the High Street and also on the pavilion at Mote Park from time to time."

When the Ferrets' members moved away from Maidstone to study at various universities, they selected Manchester as their new home before eventually deciding to call it a day in 1984 due to the difficulty in meeting up regularly.

To celebrate 30 years since the band's formation, its members are due to meet up for a reunion in Manchester later this month.

And with the release of their debut album, they will have double reason to celebrate.

Nigel said: "We haven't decided if we're going to play at the reunion yet, although we have performed privately quite a few times over the years and we can still just about cope with it all. We've not played in public for about 25 years now, but we've been given a new lease of life on the internet.

"Our old stuff has become especially popular in America and it's quite gratifying to finally be signed up after all these years."

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Everyone is allowed the right to love

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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PREJUDICE and a lack of information should not prevent people with learning disabilities having sex and relationships, an advocacy group has said.

Voice 4 Kent, which is an independent organisation run by people with learning disabilities, believed that as well as getting qualifications and a job, people should be able to express their sexuality and enjoy a relationship.

The FPA, formerly the Family Planning Association, has launched a campaign for Sexual Health Week about the rights of people with learning disabilities to have sex and relationships. While people are being supported to lead independent lives in the community, the Government's social inclusion agenda is failing to keep up with their sexual needs, the charity said.

Steven Chapman, one of the directors of Voice 4 Kent, agreed saying there was not enough information or support available about sex and sexual health aimed at people with learning difficulties – something the group is working to change across the county.

"It is more than just sex and relationships, they want to have families as well. People just want the same as everyone else and be treated like everyone else," he said.

"It is just giving people support, before they have children and after. It is about people's rights to a relationship, to get married, have children and to keep their children.

"They are scared to go to the authorities. Scared to go to hospital if they get cut, because they might think they are abusing them and have their children taken away."

Christine Dillon, who works as a co-ordinator at the organisation, said one in 15 of more than 2,800 people with learning difficulties interviewed in a national survey had children, but 40 per cent were not living with them.

She said that people with learning disabilities have the same thoughts, ideas and issues about sex and relationships as everyone else.

Mr Chapman said some parents and carers of people with learning disabilities, and also doctors, can be against their children and patients having a relationship and sex life.

Relationships

He said: "It can be hard for some to move forward from thinking their son or daughter cannot get married or have children.

"But there is another generation coming up who do not want to see their children in a day centre five days a week and want to see them out having a life."

Mr Chapman, who wants to have a long-term relationship and a family in the future, recently led a workshop for people with learning disabilities from across the South East on sex and relationships.

They talked about different kinds of relationships such as boyfriends and girlfriends, friendships and family relationships.

Ms Dillon said more support and information also needed to be given to gay people with learning disabilities, and civil partnerships and sexual orientation were discussed at the workshop.

Relationships were defined by the group as 'going out together', 'being in love', 'starting to kiss and cuddle', 'getting to know each other', 'meeting the in-laws' and 'being honest with each other' ('sometimes' was written jokingly in brackets).

The group talked about being faithful to their partners, the importance of practising safe-sex and difficult issues like abortion.

Ms Dillon said it was important for people to be informed so that they made the right decisions about sex to manage the risk.

Asked what stopped them from meeting people and having relationships, they said 'parents, because they worry about us getting hurt, getting pregnant or having a disabled baby'.

'Support staff [at day centres] don't always approve', 'if we've had a bad experience we can stop trusting people' and 'worry about hate crime', they added.

Asked if it was easy for people with learning disabilities to meet people, Mr Chapman said: "It helps when you are out in the community and are not just stuck in a day centre."

CAMPAIGN: Men and women with learning disabilities adorn FPA's campaign posters

The FPA has produced an information pack as part of its campaign, It's My Right, which includes an interactive CD-ROM with information about sex, relationships, sexual orientation and appropriate behaviour in public and private spaces.

Julie Bentley, the charity's chief executive, said: "Expressing your sexuality and enjoying a relationship is something everyone values. But poor sex education and fears about exploitation can stand in the way of this happening for people with learning disabilities.

"Information and skills must be available to people with learning disabilities so they can enjoy intimate relationships without putting themselves at risk."

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Vintage year for winemakers at industry awards

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THREE vineyards have scooped awards in a prestigious global contest for their "outstanding" wines.

Chapel Down at Tenterden, Hush Heath at Cranbrook and Meophan Valley Vineyard have been named winners at the 2008 Decanter World Wine Awards, described as the "most influential wine competition in the world".

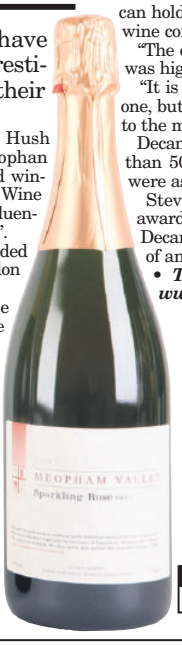
Between them, they will be handed four awards at a ceremony in London on September 1.

Chapel Down's Pinot Reserve 2002 won a bronze medal, while Meopham Valley Vineyard's Sparkling Kent 2004 (pictured) and Rosé Brut Kent 2005 were 'commended.'

Hush Heath Estate's Balfour Brut Rosé, Kent 2004, will also receive a 'commended' medal at the awards ceremony.

This year's Decanter World Wine Awards attracted more entries than ever before.

In all, 9,219 wines were entered – more than double the amount put forward when the competition launched five years ago.



Christelle Guibert, Decanter's tasting director, said: "It is always delightful to showcase British wines and show that they can hold their own in the most influential wine competition in the world.

"The overall standard of British entries was higher than ever this year.

"It is a great achievement that not just one, but three Kent vineyards made it on to the medals table at the 2008 awards."

Decanter said this year's judges, more than 50 of whom flew in from overseas, were as rigorous as ever.

Steven Spurrier, chairman of the awards, said: "Winning a medal in the Decanter World Wine Awards is a sign of an outstanding wine."

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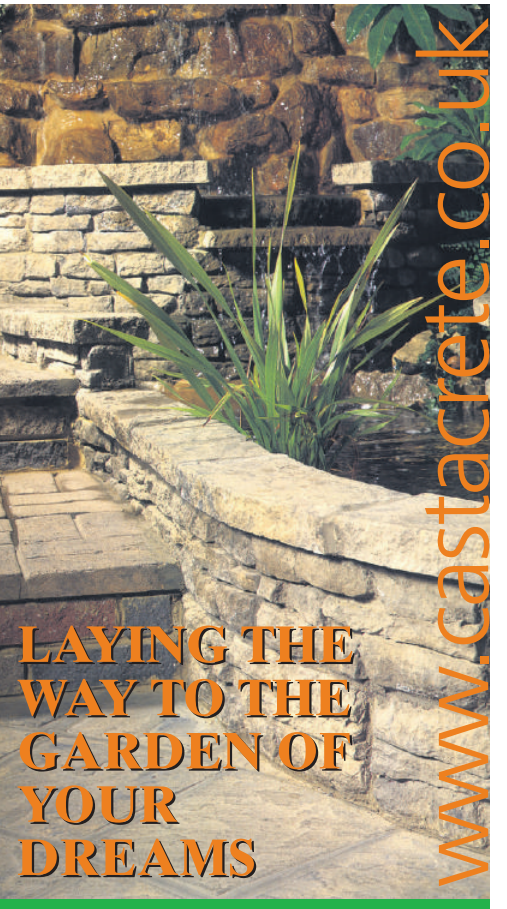

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GOING TO A REGATTA: In 1904, HBARC won five championships. Rowing teams used cycles to transport themselves and their boats to the South Coast regattas
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Sporting lives

Exhibition charts rich history of a town at play in the early 1900s

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POLAR bear swimming badges and a do-it-yourself roller skate form part of an inspiring exhibition of sporting memories at Herne Bay museum.

With the Olympic Games finally getting under way on Friday, interest in all things sport is at a fever pitch and staff at the museum are capitalising.

Residents of the coastal town were asked to hand in sporting equipment, trophies and pictures from days gone by for use in the exhibition, and organiser Manda Gifford said she was overwhelmed by the response.

She added: "Once we started asking we received so many nice photos and items that we were unable to find space for it all. Some people offered us some beautiful photo albums that have never been seen by the public before, so they are very special.

Treasure

"But the absolute treasure of the exhibition, which was actually from the museum's own collection, is a wonderful old roller hockey boot.

"Roller hockey is still popular in Herne Bay and its team have been successful in Europe, so this boot has extra special importance. It's an old working man's boot with the sole cut out and wooden wheels attached to the bottom.

"That's what people had to do back in the days when sporting equipment wasn't readily available."

Ms Gifford, who is Canterbury City Council's outreach officer for Herne Bay and Whitstable museums, said the exhibition was almost a sequel to a similar collection a couple of years back featuring pictures of residents when they were young.

She added: "We were thinking about the next topic to focus on that would generate good pictures for the museum and we knew Herne Bay had a strong history of sport, especially roller hockey and sea rowing.

"There are lots of people out there who are giving up a lot of their free time to train young people and so on, and many of them had some really interesting things to tell us and give to us.

"People used to go to amazing efforts to play sport. For instance, back in the early 1900s, the town's rowing club used to cycle to other towns in Kent to attend various regattas and competitions.

"They must have been very fit."

But if there was one donated item that sums up how much some people in the Bay were devoted to their respective sports, it was that which belonged to a former member of the town's swimming club.

Ms Gifford explained: "The man was in his 40s or 50s and he gave us this lovely little tracksuit that he had kept from when he was a boy.

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HERNE BAY RINK HOCKEY TEAM: Team pictured by the distinctive pillars of the Pier Pavilion entrance in 1913 – the year in which they were World Championship finalists Picture: PRIVATE COLLECTION

ANYONE FOR TENNIS? Herne Bay Tennis Club in Victoria Park, around 1900 Picture: FROM AN ORIGINAL IMAGE LOANED BY HERNE BAY LIBRARY

"It was covered in badges and one had a polar bear on it. He told us that was what he received for swimming in the sea on Boxing Day."

All the exhibits were collected on behalf of the museum by the community memories group Herne Bay Living History.

The Sporting Lives exhibition will be available to view at Herne Bay museum, William Street, until September 27. Admission is free.

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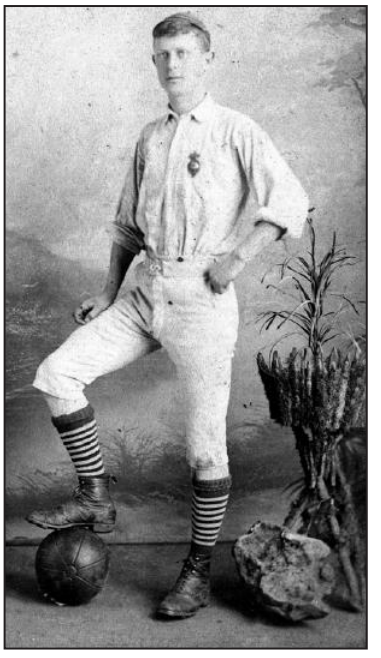
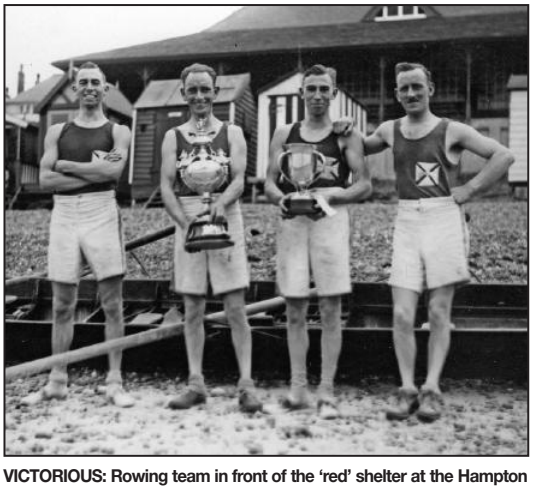


SPORTSMAN: Charlie Fox was licensee of the Victoria Hotel in Herne Bay for over 30 years. A great all-rounder, in his time he was captain of the Herne Bay Football Club (and once played as an amateur for Tottenham Hotspur), a pioneer of rink hockey and a Kent champion cyclist. He was also fond of angling and sailing. Picture: ORIGINAL IMAGES LOANED BY HIS GRANDSON, MIKE PITT

SADDLE UP: Herne Bay County Primary's sports day in 1946, which included tug-of-war, quoit relay, musical chairs on cycles and potato, three-legged, slow cycle and sack races Picture: RIDOUT COLLECTION SC18, HERNE BAY MUSEUM/HERNE BAY HISTORICAL RECORDS SOCIETY



VICTORIOUS: Rowing team in front of the 'red' shelter at the Hampton end of Herne Bay. The picture includes the Conrath brothers (Jack, far left; and Stanley, centre right). The other two are unknown: can you identify them?

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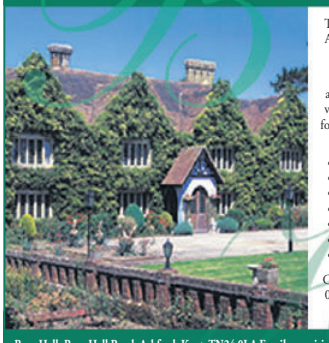

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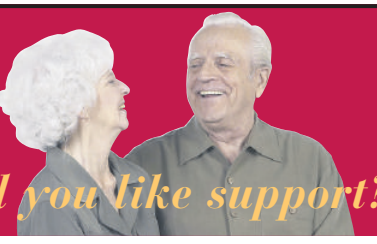

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Don't spoil summer, say police

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NEW dispersal areas are being set-up in an effort to tackle groups of youngsters who may cause trouble.

The controversial orders are being imposed in Canterbury and Herne Bay, while police action is being taken in Whitstable to keep unruly people of all ages under control.

Senior officers say the dispersal orders are vital to keep the public and visitors safe to enjoy the summer.

The Canterbury District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, made up by the police, Canterbury City Council and other agencies, say they will be working to deter, disrupt and deal with the minority who spoil the summer season with unacceptable behaviour.

District commander for Canterbury, Chief Insp Mark Harrison, said: "We will be using a series of activities to interrupt anti-social and criminal activity.

"We will then be arresting those persistent offenders, targeting our resources so they are in the right place at the right time to make our presence felt where necessary."

Neighbourhood teams will still confiscate alcohol from unruly yobs, along with issuing penalty notices for disorder where appropriate, to stop incidents escalating.

Staff at restaurants, bars and clubs are also involved in a bid to ensure people enjoy themselves without experiencing problems, said the police.

Doug Rattray, community safety manager for the city council, said: "We are prioritising work towards reducing violence, criminal damage and alcohol abuse.

"During the summer more people tend go out to socialise. Most of them want to have fun and enjoy themselves but unfortunately, crime and antisocial behaviour tend to go up at this time of year."

Dispersal areas for parts of Canterbury and Herne Bay are being brought in as an extra power that can be drawn upon.

Whitstable police are clamping down on antisocial behaviour like drinking and threatening behaviour, but are not using dispersal orders.

The dispersal areas will be in place from midnight on Thursday, August 14, and will cover parks and open spaces and the seafront in the Westgate and Heron wards, where there have been incidents in the past during the summer months.

Intimidating

They have been used on four occasions in the Canterbury district since 2004.

The police said using them again was a joint decision between the constabulary and local authority.

Uniformed police officers will have the power to disperse intimidating groups and to exclude people from the area for up to 24 hours.

Children under the age of 16 can also be returned home after 9pm if they are not being supervised by an adult.

The Herne Bay dispersal area will be in place until November 8 and the Canterbury dispersal area will be in place until January 11, 2009.

Notices will be displayed in the areas explaining the existence of the dispersal orders during that time.

Chief Insp Harrison added: "This power should not be confused with the curfew in force in Cornwall. Nor are we victimising young people, who have every right to be out enjoying the area as everyone else.

NEW ORDERS: Herne Bay, one of the areas where dispersal zones will be imposed

"This is a discretionary power designed to protect the public and make sure law-abiding people can use the spaces around them."

He added: "Enforcement alone does not work. Action can only be successful when part of a multi-agency approach that aims to impact on underlying issues and problems.

"Powers will be used sparingly and flexibly and only as part of plans combining a number of different measures and activities which are appropriate to the issue being faced.

"It is not only about using powers and bringing offenders to book. Things like late-night street noise and rowdiness can make people think that crime is happening, whether it is or not.

"Compared to other parts of the UK, this is a safe place to be but if people think anti-social behaviour in the streets around them is a problem, it affects how they feel about living here."

There is another dispersal area currently in operation in Broadstairs.

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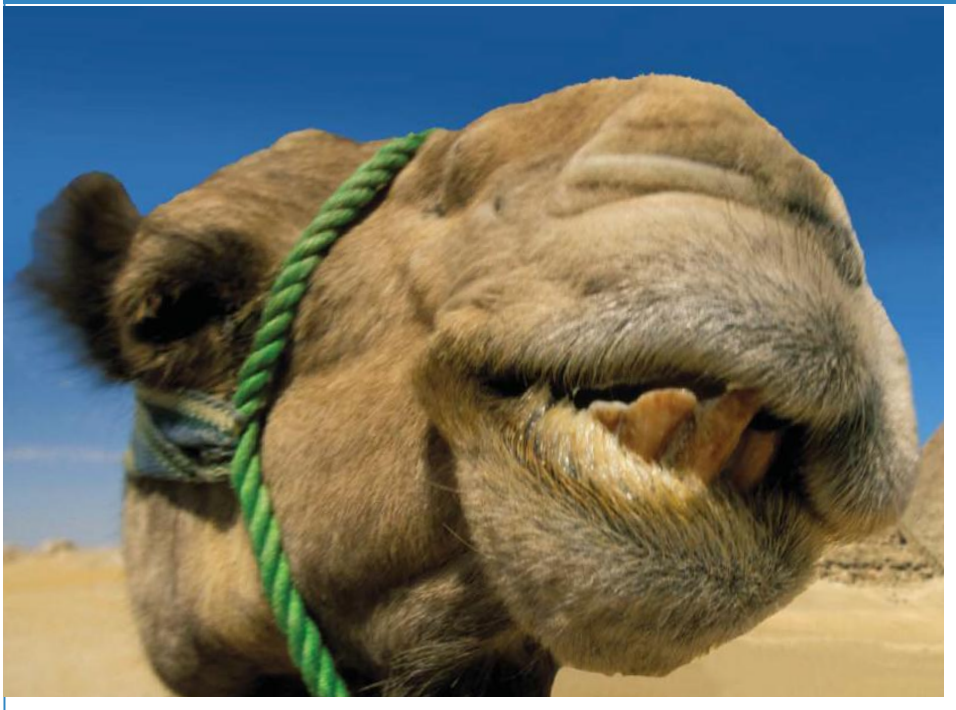

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'This is football, not a tea party'

Football team boss backs down on 'zero tolerance' of swearing

Picture: ADY KERRY

ON THE UP: Ebbsfleet lift the FA Trophy at Wembley after beating Torquay in May

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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EBBSFLEET United's chief executive has assured football fans they will not be thrown out of the club's ground for shouting the odd swear word.

Supporters were not impressed when David Davis announced the club would be introducing a 'zero-tolerance' policy in response to foul-mouthed chants heard during last month's pre-season friendly defeat to Charlton Athletic.

Inflame

But after reading criticism posted on the My Football Club website forum, Mr Davis was quick to point out the rule would only apply to those who continuously used the worst form of swear words to antagonise others.

He wrote: "I'm not talking about 'normal' swear words. I'm talking about vile language, used for one purpose only – to inflame others rather than expressing an individual's opinion.

"I hope those who know me already will realise I'm not trying to be clever, not trying to be an extremist. A very small group of fans have been pushing the boundaries all the time we haven't had a safety officer in place.

"Well, now we have, and it's time to reset those boundaries."

Mr Davis was responding to comments made by the likes of forum poster, Rozlaw, who wrote: "I agree racism should not be tolerated, but swearing?

"I think Stonebridge Road [the club's home ground] would be fairly empty if everyone who swore at the ref was ejected. Come on, this is football not a tea party."

Another poster, whose name ironically included a swear word, wrote: "Utterly ridiculous. Does the society get any input on this? Any vote or such like?

"Will you soon be forcing 'fans' to sit with cups of tea and prawn sandwiches during the match?"

United's star has risen since the club became the first and only in the world to be run by an internet community – through www.myfootballclub.co.uk – in February.

Last season culminated in a trip to Wembley Stadium in the FA Trophy final, where the side beat Torquay 1-0 in front of more than 23,000 Fleet supporters.

Mr Davis and chairman John Moules hope to keep some of those fans for the club's forthcoming campaign in the Blue Square Premier division, and are concerned they may have been put off by the language heard at the Charlton game.

The team's latest pre-season game at home against Maidstone United last Saturday was a quiet affair with an attendance of just 538 fans.

The Charlton match drew 1,859.

Fleet Trust chairman Jessica McQueen said any fans that stayed away from the Maidstone game because of Mr Davis' original comments were "stupid".

She added: "The rule will not apply to the supporters who regularly sing and get behind the boys, it is for those who crossed the line like at the Charlton game.

"I think it was the use of the words 'zero tolerance' that caused the problem, and everything has been thrown out of proportion now.

"Everybody in the ground would be thrown out if there was a zero-tolerance policy, including me and probably the chief executive too.

"But I totally support the notion supporters need to think about what they say because we are trying to attract families to come and watch Ebbsfleet play, and the behaviour at the Charlton game was totally out of order."

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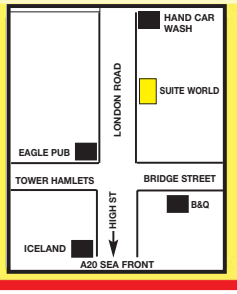

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Our brave soldiers still need support

THE conflict in Afghanistan has faced criticism from all corners.

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Some people want our Armed Forces to return home and believe the Afghans should be left to sort things out for themselves.

However, as Jamie McGinnes's reports from the war-torn country remind us, our brave soldiers are out there now and deserve our support, whatever you may think of the Government's foreign policy.

No-one could deny that Afghanistan needs reconstruction after decades of the most atrocious human rights and civil liberties abuses.

Growing Taliban violence, increased opium production, suicide bombings at a high and aid agencies struggling to reach those in need, are among the stories that have hit the headlines of the national press recently.

But this week's report highlights the small progresses being made in the ravaged provinces.

If one small town like Darvisham can begin to return to a semblance of normality, with shops beginning to trade, business reopening and farmers back in their fields, it can only be a good thing.

The bravery of our soldiers who are risking their lives to try to bring peace and sustained democracy to Afghanistan should be applauded.

OPINION: Coal can still be king

UKIP leader and South East MEP NIGEL FARAGE explains why his vote is to keep the lights on

KENT has become the centre of the debate over climate change and the future of Britain's energy supply.

This is thanks to the plans to build a new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth. But the protesters outside the old plant are being dangerously naïve.

Electricity is not a luxury. It's a requirement of our society and our economy. And set apart the businesses which couldn't exist without regular power, what about public health? The hospitals, police and fire stations which can't manage with the lights out.

Because as nice as it might be to be able to rely on renewable energy, it's simply not possible. At the beginning of 2005 only 3.6 per cent of electricity in the UK was provided by these alternative sources, a long way off the EU target of 20 per cent by 2020. The preferred source of renewable energy is wind power.

The government programme announced earlier this year, that plans to build 7,000 turbines on and off shore will not only cost £100 billion of taxpayers' money, but have also been estimated to cost households an extra £260 a year on their bills.

Wind farms are expensive, unreliable and unsightly. Any excess energy produced cannot be stored, which has resulted in an independent report funded by the Renewable Energy Foundation saying backup energy plants would still be required.

The wind around Britain is too volatile to provide a reliable energy source. Data from the Met Office showed that in January, the month with the highest demand, wind farms repeatedly failed to produce enough electricity, and sometimes dropped to four per cent of their maximum output. The average capacity of wind farms is only 27.5 per cent and with people feeling the pinch we must be looking at ways of producing energy which can help reduce costs.

A few weeks ago gas suppliers raised their prices by well above the rate of inflation to send annual bills soaring over £1,000 a year. And yet there is another option which would reduce our reliance on oil and gas, provide more energy security and reduce costs: clean coal technology.

And this is why I am supporting the proposals at Kingsnorth. I believe in development into how we create energy, and the plans include carbon capture and storage (CCS) which involves capturing the carbon dioxide, preventing the greenhouse gas entering the atmosphere, and storing it deep underground. The proposed new units will be 'capture ready' to allow the option of installing this technology with CCS in anticipation of its development.

'Electricity's not a luxury. It's a requirement of our society'

Carbon capture is a key element in reducing emissions and this will send a clear signal to power stations in China and India that they can also integrate this technology. For in reality, unless China, India and other developing countries agree to cut carbon, our own efforts will be futile.

It seems to me that people protesting about this proposed plant are doing so without really thinking of the consequences. The current power station at Kingsnorth will be closing down within the next few years and there needs to be a reliable and efficient source of power to replace it.

The new plant is using technology which they have said will reduce emissions by 20 per cent. This is being done through increased efficiency in heating up the water which turns the turbines. Because the water does not need to become steam, there is no evaporation and the energy is not lost. This means less coal needs to be burnt, resulting in fewer emissions and lower costs.

It is not practical to simply cover the Kent countryside and coastline with wind farms as some are proposing. Demand for electricity varies continually but conventional power stations cannot just be switched on and off; they take about a day to warm up from scratch.

Wind farms are not consistent: they suddenly produce energy when the wind changes which can result in 'power surges' seen on the London Underground. And they make no reduction in emissions from power generation because, behind the scenes, conventional power stations have to be kept ticking over to ensure there is a good supply of electricity, which turbines cannot provide.

As I see it, it's about getting the balance right: this new plant ticks the boxes of costs, carbon and security and Kent has the chance to once again lead the way in energy policy.

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We need a Winnie

I totally agree with the letter from June Moore (In Defence of Freedom, August 3).

I have felt for a long time that MPs are mainly interested in protecting their job at the expense of their constituents.

I recently contacted my local MP and as a life long Tory voter, asked him to clarify the position of the Conservative Party regarding the EU especially in view of the Irish 'No' vote.

His reply was non committal, so it is clear to me that any new administration will not want to be involved in this prickly subject despite our freedom being gradually eroded and our old traditions disappearing daily.

Surely it must be clear that this country is in as much danger as in 1940 (a period that I lived through), when Germany was our enemy but now it is European countries, who gave up mainly without a fight then, but have now united with our old enemy in trying to take us over.

Did all those who gave their lives in a valiant fight for peace die in vain? What would they think now if they were still alive having to deal with litres, hectares, kilos and having to abide by stupid, inane rules invented in Brussels by those with nothing better to do and who profit at our expense?

The difference is that then we had the inspired leadership of Sir Winston Churchill without whom the story may have had a very different ending.

Now we have a gutless leader who has ruined this once great country and continually gives our rights away, and waiting in the wings is somebody who does not inspire much confidence. Mr Cameron could get into power more on the default of the worst Government in living memory, rather than on his own merit.

Derek Thompson
Herne Bay

Stupples the brave

I'm writing to congratulate Karen Stupples on such a wonderful performance in getting six under par in the Women's British Open Golf Tournament, being the best British player.

She reminds me so much of my gran, who was also a Stupples before she married. She was also a brave gutsy lady.

B F Pithchforth
Deal

Pylons' beauty in the eye on the beholder

I'm no expert, but I guess the rearing horse Invicta, suggested by Graham Clarke (July 27), is unfeasible as the Angel of the South at Ebbsfleet.

In the sketch there appears to be too much apex and not enough base, and when the wind blows, as it sometimes does in this part of the world, we might find that the base becomes the apex and vice versa.

What we need is a monument which symbolises what is most characteristic of our beautiful, fertile and up-to-date county. And what is more typical of the Kentish countryside than an electricity pylon?

A huge example of these elegant and futuristic structures, which stand in rows and clusters all over the Downs and the Weald, would fit the bill admirably.

It could be painted blue to be virtually invisible for below and green to be virtually invisible from above.

As a warning to low-flying aircraft it could be topped with something else typical of Kent: a plump councillor, a scale model of a hop, a sack of cement, or a red navigation light in the shape of a cherry.

Michael Reeves
Gravesend

Duty before skin colour

It is a sad worrying trend when people become obsessed with their colour and/or race! The recent story about somebody black who was searched and the comments of Sergeant Henry are a good example of this unfortunate state of affairs.

What should matter to a police officer is his duty to his fellow man not the colour of his skin. To form any group based on race like the National Black Police Association is a racist act and is counter productive.

Senior officers become pre-occupied, pandering to minorities instead of seeing the people as a whole.

I was once searched in the street by a very unpleasant, prejudiced, rude PC, but being white, I had no hook to hang it on. Having done nothing wrong, I just co-operated and it took five minutes. The police officers who are unpleasant, prejudiced and aggressive tend in my experience to be that way with everybody. We should abolish groups who divide our police who are generally colour blind and get on with more important tasks like crime that affect us all regardless of race.

Graham Wanstall

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Pull up the drawbridge

I'm sure there are many people out there John O'Neon (Letters, July 20), who feel as you (and myself), but sadly not enough speak out.

I do wonder why folk keep on voting in the same tired old parties who couldn't (despite their rhetoric at pre-election times) care less about people of our country only their own selfish interests. I agree far too much foreign aid pours out of our country and where does most of it go? Either in the upkeep of their leaders lavish palaces or on military armament. What of our country, becoming more unsafe with kids knifing each other (why?). Invisible police (why?). Services stretched to the limit (why?). Child poverty increasing we are told (why?).

Foreigners pouring in claiming benefits of which they haven't contributed a penny, while we three generations of British folk have paid into the system all our lives, with many having to wait for treatments and some life saving medicines being available because it's too expensive (why?). Now Brown is to borrow billions to prop up his failed government.

P Smith
Highsted

There to do our bidding

I and my committee deplore the action of the Secretary of State in riding roughshod over the Ashford Borough Council and granting ZEDhomes planning consent to construct the three appalling new buildings in Victoria Road.

The minister has blatantly chosen to ignore the reasons why the council had taken so long to reach their decision, in that they had to obtain more information from the developer than had been supplied with the application and they had to compare the plans with those which had been painstakingly prepared by the council as representing the type and construction of buildings the

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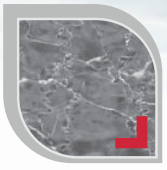

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Ethan Anthony born on 16th July 2008, weighing 8lb. Son to Steve and Charlie of Kennington Ashford, brother to Aaron.

BAYLISS
Paul and Amanda Bayliss of Marden are delighted to announce the birth of their son George Philip Bayliss, born 5th July 2008 weighing 71b 10oz.

CARNEGIE
Karen Coetzer and Ian Carnegie of Sutton Valence celebrate the birth of their daughter Siana Lauren Carnegie on 21st July 2008.

DAVIES
Kirsty and Drew celebrate the birth of their son Archie Andrew Davies born on 25th July 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital Ashford, weighing 6lb 4oz.

DAVIS
Shelley and Paul Davis of Ashford celebrate the birth of their son Anthony John Stuart Davis on 26th July 2008.

FINCH
Oliver David born to proud parents Harriet and David of Seven-oaks on 26th July 2008 weighing 8lb 4oz.

GRAY
Tasha and Andrew Gray are delighted to announce the birth of their son Matthew James born on 26th July 2008 in the William Harvey Hospital Ashford, weighing 7lb 13oz.

HUGHES
Eddie and Lucie Hughes are pleased to announce the birth of their baby daughter Sabrina Frances born on 29th July 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital. A little sister for Kieran.

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Maddox Stuart Jackson born on 8th July 2008, weighing 8lb 11oz. Loving son to Ryan Jackson and Roxanne Flatt and brother to Elle Jackson in Maidstone.

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Rebecca and John McGeoch celebrate the birth of their son Euan Philip John - Roy McGeoch on 18th July 2008 weighing 5lb 13oz . A loving Brother for Angus.

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Neil and Clare Plowman of Tonbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Millie Evelyn Plowman born 24th July 2008 weighing 6lb 9oz.

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Simeon born on 7th July 2008, weighing 5lb 13oz. Son of Paul and Susan Scarsbrook of Aylesford. You are the miracle baby who we will love and treasure forever

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Leia Victoria Cara born on 23rd July 2008, weighing 6lb 9oz. Daughter to Victoria and Lee of Dover. A sister for Shannon and Obie.

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Anthony and Sonia are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Cameron James Trice. Born on 31st July 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital. Weighing 9lb 13oz.

WAKEFIELD
Leo Nicholas James born on 21st July 2008, weighing 10lbs 3ozs. Son to Nick and Suzanne of Dover. Brother to Beau.

DEATHS

AYSHFORD
Vera of Tenterden died peacefully on 4th August 2008. Funeral service at Charing Crematorium on 12th August at 2.40pm. Donations welcome to Pilgrims Hospices in gratitude for the care Vera received. Enquiries to Perigoe and Sons Funeral Directors 01580 713636.

BROOKS
Oswald (Ossie) Brooks (The Bid Up King) passed away on 1st August 2008, aged 78. A huge thank you to Joyce and Glenda and all Ossies caring angels at Gavin Astor House in Aylesford. He loved you all!

CATTO
Major Douglas John Catto R.A.M.C. of Canterbury passed away suddenly at his home on 28th July 2008. The funeral service is to take place at Eddington Cemetery, Herne Bay, on Friday 15th August at 2.30pm.

EDWARDS
Colin David Edwards of Canterbury suddenly passed away on 24th July 2008. Re-united with his loving wife Violet. A much loved dad and grand-dad who will be very sadly missed. The funeral was held on 6th August 2008 at Barham. The family would like to express their thanks and gratitude to all relatives and friends who provided much needed support at such a sad time.

MOORE
Stanley. Late grocer of Broad Street, Canterbury. Passed away 30-07-08. Enquiries to C.W. Lyons & Son 01227 463508.

RELF
Irene Relf of Burham passed away after a long illness on 3rd August 2008, aged 78.

SANDERSON
William James passed away peacefully on 30th July 2008, aged 86.Sadly missed by Sandy and Stephen.

SMITH
Glyn passed away after a long illness on the 27th July 2008 aged 67. Funeral service at Thanet Crem on the 14th August at 12:30pm. All Welcome.

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council and local residents wished to see built on this site.

She failed to investigate why the council had taken so long in deliberating and failed to question their reasons.

She simply looked at the concept of a group of eco-built, but affordable homes, to be built quickly to meet what she seemed to consider was a much-needed void.

In addition she also failed to take into account that these buildings are high rise, one of the most important features that the council wanted to avoid, that their rooms at 341 sq ft for each unit are tiny and boxy, that the exterior design leaves everything to be desired and that what is being created are nothing more than potential ghettoes constructed one suspects of low-cost materials that hide under the pretension of eco-friendly self-supporting homes.

Here is being replicated not one, but three new buildings along the lines of the rightly maligned Charter House sited in a prominent position in relation to the town centre.

What is the use of having a dedicated council striving to build Ashford into an expanding and vibrant town when one minister can dictate over their heads that they should build the very style and type of housing they have been striving not to create?

And that without so much as a hint of consultation or regard to the many hours of work and effort the council had put into creating something of interest, something practical, something that would be appreciated by those deciding to live in them.

It is near certainly that these buildings will prove a hotbed of problem tenants, expensive to maintain and will look shabby and grubby and out of place probably before they are even occupied.

Add to the above desperate attempts to clothe or conceal the lower regions of the Charter House with additional new two-three storey non-descript new houses and you really wonder whether the town centre is worth renovating.

Will those in power never learn that government is doing the bidding of the public, as expressed by local bodies put in place to oversee and advise and that dictating over the heads of these bodies simply to carry out party dogma will rile the voters who see it as an act of erosion of democracy and a dangerous precedent?

Let us hope that the new conditions just imposed on developers to fund all the infrastructure as well as the buildings which has already caused several proposed developments elsewhere to be withdrawn, will deter ZED builders from proceeding with this scheme.

IA Grant
Chairman
Ashford Rural Trust

Is there one law for all?

Fraudulent embezzlement of public funds is a criminal offence that in many cases results in those guilty of it being imprisoned.

So costly is this crime that the Government employs teams of investigators throughout the country devoted solely to apprehending those involved.

Britain used to pride itself that be you Duke or dustman we are all equal in the eyes of the law , these days it seems 'some are more equal than others'.

Take the case MP Derek Conway who claimed tens of thousands of taxpayers' money and who not only escaped prosecution but is only liable to repay £13,160 of the sum involved.

It would seem from this that although MPs make the laws that society is obliged to abide by, they themselves are not subject to them.

With lawlessness on the increase almost to the point of anarchy on the streets, what message does Parliament hope to send the electorate over its handling of Mr Conway's 'fall from grace'?

Robert Muir
Westgate on Sea

Bring back glory days

I read with great interest your article in the latest Kent on Sunday concerning Eurostar's decision to reintroduce services between Ashford and Brussels.

Many of my friends and family who live in Brussels used this service approximately 80 times over three years. They would not only come to visit me but also discover our lovely county of Kent. Until last November, I also personally travelled regularly between Ashford and Brussels. Since the direct link was discontinued, only one friend was brave enough to travel via Lille, at great cost (175 euros) and discomfort (a long and chilly wait to connect in Lille). No-one else wished to go through the experience.

Therefore, we were delighted to hear that a service would be re-introduced starting in December, 2008. However, having read Eurostar's press release I saw that the only direct train on week days will leave Ashford at 6.27am.

This means it will be impossible for travellers from Canterbury (for example) to travel by train to Ashford as the first one arrives there at 6.06am. (check-in time for Eurostar is at least 30 minutes in advance of departure). Therefore, the only way to Ashford at that time of the morning is by car – at least for those who have one – which is not the ideal way of improving our carbon footprint.

I am extremely grateful to all those who lobbied in favour of the return of this service, but I also believe we should continue to try and get Ashford International back to the status it enjoyed until last November and certainly still deserves.

Denise Jones
Littlebourne

Damage of horror lust

Your depressing report on the sharp rise in cruelty and neglect of animals in Kent is symptomatic of the vindictive society we are rapidly transforming into. (Animal abuse is on the rise, August 2).

A sizeable percentage of Britain's population has a pathologically unhealthy interest in ultra-violence and horror, be it in movies, computer games or on internet websites.

These addicts are seeking out imagery of blood, butchery and barbarism like junkies frantically searching for dealers from which to score their next hit.

Eventually merely visual depictions of violence become an insufficient stimulation to satisfy their insatiable appetites.

Thus they move a step further, committing actual acts of savage brutality, with animals frequently being the unfortunate recipients of these uncontrolled urges.

When an animal's suffering also no longer satiates the cravings to harm and maim, people themselves will become the next victims.

The Government should take decisive action to proscribe the retail of films and games containing extreme violence and torture, the same way they prohibit the promotion of paedophilia, necrophilia and bestiality.

Then perhaps we can slowly begin to reverse the immense damage that has been inflicted upon our population's collective consciousness.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler
Canterbury

Village life vendetta

Why is the proposed lorry park to be sited between Aldington and Sellinge?

What has Maidstone got against our village life? There is, on the A20, just past the tunnels an acess road from and return to the A20.

Can somebody tell me truthfully the reason why this is not to be used.

Together with gantry signs advising that Dover Port is closed, surely this would be better than using a site that would add to the flood problems already existing.

Who benefits from the present plan?

O McGregor
Aldington
Ashford

Join the TA parade

The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Allan Willett CMG, has arranged a major parade of serving TA soldiers and veterans in Canterbury on the morning of Saturday, September 6, as the highlight of the county's celebration of our Reserve Forces in this, the Territorial Army's Centenary year.

We hope that veterans from every part of the county will join in what will be one of the biggest events of its kind nationwide.

All who have served, including National Servicemen and ex-regulars of all Armed Forces, most of whom will have had a reserve liability, are invited to take part.

Widows or other close relatives are also welcome.

The salute will be taken by the Chief of the General Staff, General Sir Richard Dannatt, in the city centre, and the parade will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Canterbury Cathedral.

Veterans wishing to take part are invited to contact the Lord Lieutenant's Office, Cumberland Cottage, Chilham, Canterbury, Kent CT4 8BX; phone Jackie Dale on 01227 738800 Monday-Thursday only; fax 01227 738855; or e-mail Kentta100@allanwillett.org.

David McDine
Lieutenancy of Kent media officer
Chilham

Stick to party policies

Re: Letters, August 3. If Donald Worsley, Labour's Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Folkstone and Hythe, thinks he has nothing more to worry about than David Cameron's bike, then he needs a reality check.

Coming from a representative of the party that frees dangerous criminals because it has nowhere to lock them up and a government that has lost control of our borders and given away even more of our independance to international quangos, comments about open doors and hinges in relation to national security is dangerous ground.

Writing about Chieftan tanks when our troops have inadequate equipment and have been driving round in Land-Rovers in Iraq and Afghanistan is also a home goal.

As for Mr Cameron getting on his bike after the next election and looking for a job, Mr Wordsley had best take a few cycling lessons himself – he is unlikely to be more than 'prospective'..

May I suggest he writes about his party policy, if it has one, in future.

Michael Tarrant
Welling

Cycleways a disgrace

Kent Highways must declassify, and downgrade, the shared use cycleway/footway running alongside Bad Münstereifel Road (A2070) between The Sevington/Ashford Business Park (Barrey Road), and Junction 10 of the M20, and remove any signs to define it as being a cycleway; on the grounds that it is absolutely unfit for that purpose, (ie, as a bi-directional cycleway), until such times that it has been upgraded to fit the necessary criteria.

Kent Highways, having been made aware of the inadequacy of the said cycleway; should there be any casualties to cyclists on the current narrow and dangerous way,

should be held culpable.

The Ashford Cycle Map, which shows this as a bone fide cycle-route, must be withdrawn from circulation, and reprinted without it being shown.

The practice of Kent Highways erecting signage to define a cycleway, without that facility first being thoroughly checked and proofed, should be stopped.

Kent Highways must work to higher standards, and cyclists should not be expected to accept substandard, dangerous, and inferior cycleways, of which this Bad Münstereifel Road route, is not an isolated example.

All around Ashford there are many foot and cycle ways, which are effectively obstructed, or the users inconvenienced by overgrown foliage, and they have been so for months.

The situation is worse when wet. There must be an urgent programme to get these cleared.

Grass has been mown, but hedges etc, are completely left out of control.

Can anyone imagine that key roads around Ashford becoming impassable due to low branches, overgrown bushes, etc?

Many of our cycleways are a disgrace. What we have in the nature of cycleways is not excessive, surely they should be properly maintained?

Ted Prangnell
Kennington

End Brown's misery

I'm sorry, but I just had to laugh at the New Labour MPs fighting to line up behind another turkey that won't make it to Christmas, knowing when he's gone they'll be jostling to line up behind the next one (KoS August 3).

It'll be a case of, 'The King is dead, long live the King!'

Tony Blair left when he saw all his chickens coming home to roost, knowing even though he could previously sell fridges to Eskimos and invasions to gullible MPs, he was being found out.

This left New Labour stripped bare for all to see its shame, in which Gordon Brown had a large share.

He promised a new start, but just carried on digging deeper into the patch left by Blair! Look at the new £110 fine for overfilling a waste bin, more than for shoplifting. They never ever learn.

After a brief honeymoon, Gordon has also been found out. The man who stole billions out of our pensions, sold our gold reserves for a song, gave billions to other countries while denying our own people cancer treatment, refused us a promised referendum, saved nothing during the good times, increased the gulf between rich and poor and couldn't even work out abolishing the 10p tax band would cause poorer people hardship, has shown his position is untenable.

He knows it, his ministers and MPs know it and we all know it, so for goodness sake put the poor man out of misery!

Phil Granger
West Malling

Exploitation of water

Attending a meeting of KCC's Cabinet today (August 4), I was astounded to hear the Conservative portfolio holder for environment and highways blaming water companies for taking a 'ruthlessly commercial attitude' to the management of the county's water resources, adding ominously that 'Kent will pay'.

Here in the Ashford growth area we are in the front line of the drive to preserve Kent's water resources and water quality.

If our task becomes harder and we wish to allocate blame, then we should not overlook the Conservatives' own responsibility for the current situation.

The Conservatives de-nationalised water. In fact the person most responsible for implementing water industry privatisation was none other than Folkestone and Hythe MP Michael Howard, during his stint as minister for water and planning in 1988-89.

Even after Mr Howard has departed the political life at the next election, a sinister shadow will remain.

He has made it easier for water supplies to be exploited and – if the darkest prophecies of his County Hall colleagues are fulfilled – bled dry.

It is about time that the Tories locally and nationally admitted their share of the blame for commercial exploitation of our county's most precious natural resource.

Derek Smyth
Labour Member for Ashford South

Call if you need help

We are now facing some of the highest utility prices to date, according to a recent report from British Gas owner Centrica.

New plans to raise gas bills by a record 35 per cent and electricity bills by nine per cent mean that more and more people are at risk of fuel poverty.

It is predicted that annual gas bills could reach more than £1,000 early in the next decade.

In times where mortgage rates are high, and food prices are on the increase, people could find themselves getting into financial difficulties and even debt.

If you are suffering from fuel poverty or struggling to make ends meet there is something you can do now before the situation gets worse.

If you are on a low income it's important to make sure you're claiming all the welfare benefits and tax credits that you're entitled to, as well as making sure that your debts are managed properly and priority debts are met first.

We at the Legal Services Commission provide a free confidential telephone helpline called Community Legal Advice – 0845 345 4 345 – which provides quality assured legal advice in welfare benefits and tax credits, debt, housing, employment and education.

It is funded by legal aid and aimed at people on low incomes.

It is open from 9am-6.30pm Monday to Friday and advice is also available in any language.

So if you're on a low income and you're worried about your finances, call Community Legal Advice today.

Geoff Mountjoy
Regional Director
Legal Services Commission
South Region

Who will save us?

Further to June Moore's letter – I have just looked up on Google the annual cost to the UK of membership of the EU and find it is approximately £55 billion.

Do any of your readers think this is value for tax payers' money?

Members of the EU parliament do little more than pass diktats like robots and then pick up their enormous expenses.

They seem unconcerned that they are strangling our industry with red tape and interferring in everything we do from the law to immigration, our postal servive and our rubbish collections.

June Moore is right the only party which will save us from this dictatorship is the UKIP.

Molly Howell
Herne Bay

Books for blind children

I'm really passionate about reading. I think the best way to encourage children to develop a love of books is to share stories from when they're very little.

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These publications have coloured images so that they can be shared with family and friends, everyone enjoying the story together.

In this, the National Year of Reading, I hope that the special needs of children who are blind will not go unnoticed, and that parents and carers will hear about this free service through these columns.

It costs £2,500 to produce 20 copies of a special 'feely' version of a popular children's book to go into the Living Paintings library, and maybe local groups who are lucky enough to see this letter would like to adopt this as a fundraising project.

Do please contact Living Paintings through www.livingpaintings.org, or phone 01635 299771.

Dame Jacqueline Wilson
Patron
Living Paintings
Newbury
Berkshire

Offering support to our poor junior doctors

The Government's treatment of junior doctors and the botched reforms to the medical training system have been scandalous.

The decision taken in late 2007 to withdraw the requirement for hospitals to provide free accommodation for all first-year junior doctors represents yet another betrayal.

This decision was taken without consulting Parliament, and did not allow the Liberal Democrats to raise this extremely important and controversial matter.

We support the calls for junior doctors to receive additional money to ensure that they will be able to afford their accommodation costs.

The current situation has effectively reduced junior doctors' pay by 20 per cent, on top of the outstanding debt they face after graduating.

Dr Alan Bullion
Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesman for Sevenoaks

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Don't delay, get your clearing call in today

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

WHEN A-level results are announced this week some students in Kent will automatically have secured a place at their university of choice, but others will have to go through the often daunting process of clearing.

The county's universities have provided detailed information to help and guide students, who did not get the grades they expected, through the process of finding the right higher education course.

John Slater, Canterbury Christ Church University's director of admissions, said: "If your exam results are not quite what you expected, do not worry, but you do need to plan your strategy.

"Check with your 'firm' choice of university to see whether they have accepted you. Sometimes you will find that they lower the number of points they originally asked for and with still accept you. If they are not prepared to do this, you need to check whether your insurance offer has been confirmed. If not, you need to enter the clearing process."

He said students should make a note of the courses they are interested in and start contacting the universities about them.

"Have your UCAS application number, clearing entry number and a list of your grades to hand when you telephone the university," he added.

A-level results will be published on Thursday.

Well prepared

Lucy Hall, who has just completed the first year of her creative events course at the University of Kent, had to apply through clearing after making a late decision to study for a degree.

She said the UCAS website told her what she needed to do and how to complete apply.

The 19-year-old said: "If you don't get the grades, or if you decide to apply last-minute, you can still succeed," she added.

"Everyone I spoke to during clearing was helpful and efficient. But I would recommend being well prepared for the day clearing starts (on Thursday), and being persistent does you no harm either."

Steve Holdcroft, the university's head of information, recruitment and admissions, offered further advice, including being flexible when looking at what courses are available and picking one that is related to subjects chosen at school.

He warned that places on popular courses are filled by mid-morning on results day and advised students not to delay making the call.

Admissions officers are also more likely to be impressed by students who have thought about what they want and prepared questions to ask, he added.

Lecturers and students at the University of Greenwich at Medway's clearing centre were expecting a record number of calls from school and college leavers this year.

People changing their careers and mature students who want to start a degree course in the new academic year, which starts in September, also end up going through the clearing process, the university said.

Specially trained students, including those who went through clearing themselves, work on clearing hotlines at universities across the country.

Jessica Lewis, who set up the University of Greenwich at Medway's clearing centre, said: "Our aim is to give the vast majority of applicants a decision or offer during the course of their first phone call to us."

Beverley Woodhams, from the university, said she has matched hundreds of students to appropriate university courses through clearing when their grades have been higher or lower than they expected.

She told students not to be stressed because there are far more places to study than there are students. She said: "Remember, it's a buyers' market and you hold the currency."

Each year 30,000 people gain a place during clearing, which closes on Friday, September 12.

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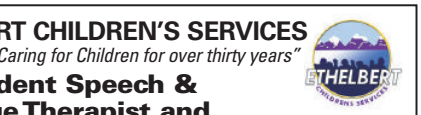

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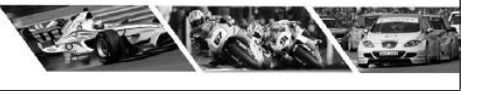

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Ref: CFE/08/0376

Closing date: Midday, 12th September 2008.
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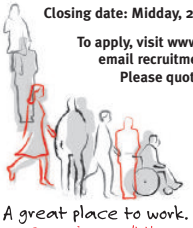

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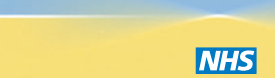

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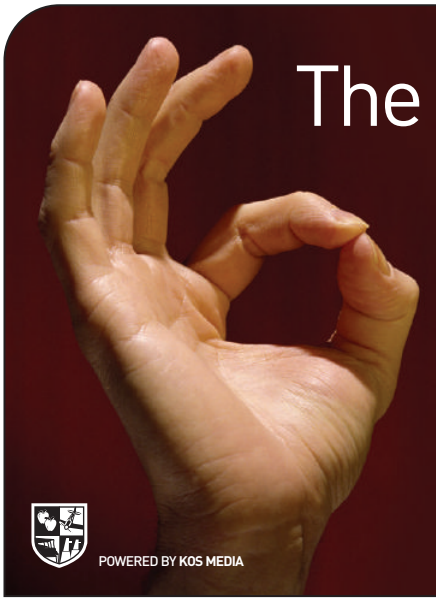

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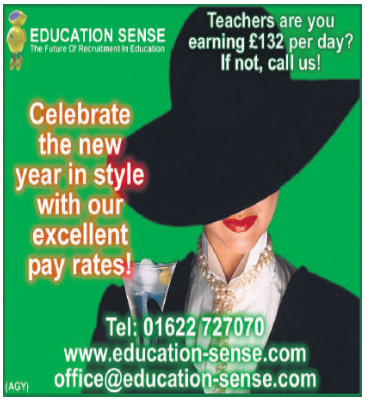

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Lecturer in Healthcare **Ref: P0485**
(1 year fixed term contract & Permanent)
Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

The post-holder will be involved in the delivery and teaching of Healthcare and childcare programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare and childcare environments and have or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification within a specified timeframe.

Lecturer in Public Services **Ref: P0398**
Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

We are seeking to recruit a Lecturer to teach on a range of BTEC and school links programmes. The successful candidate will have experience in Public Services and have a recognised teaching qualification. The department will also consider applications from candidates without a teaching qualification although this will be reflected in the grading.

College Information Services Officer **Ref: P0566**
Salary: Circa £21,000
(Depending on qualifications & experience)

As a CIS Officer you will have responsibility for the central administration system, reporting, monitoring, control and evaluation service for all aspects of the College's register system and Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). You will be able to demonstrate good attention to detail, excellent word and excel skills and be able to work under pressure.

Closing date: Friday, 15 August 2008
Interview: Wednesday, 20 August 2008

Senior Technician in Electrical Engineering **Ref: P0631**
Salary: Circa £16,199 - £20,997
(Depending on qualifications & experience)

The successful candidate will carry-out technician duties, assist tutors and learners in all practical aspects of electrical engineering and co-ordinate work across the department. You will possess a suitable higher level qualification in electrical engineering and have proven experience in a relevant electrical field.

Sessional Counsellor **Ref: AU01**
Group Facilitator
Hourly Rate: £28.28 (including holiday component)

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Personnel Assistant **Ref: P0455**
Salary: £15,057 - £18,534
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Departmental Administrator **Ref: P0108**
Salary: £11,599 to £16,199

The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge of administration procedures and have excellent organisational and IT skills. Due to the nature of the role the successful candidate will be required to work independently and relevant secretarial qualifications would be advantageous.

Aim-Higher Co-ordinator **Ref: P0632**
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Salary: £15,057 - £18,534

We are looking to appoint a Technician to provide support for staff and students with day-to-day Art & Design activities. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of Art & Design and previous experience in the Art & Design field would be advantageous.

Closing date: Friday, 15 August 2008
Interviews: TBC unless stated above

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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Canterbury College is a leading FE and HE College which offers opportunities and an environment in which our 800 staff and 12,000 learners can reach their potential, so we can achieve our goal of being one of the best Colleges by 2010. To support this, the College has been undergoing a £50 million re-development, which opened in January 2008. We are now developing plans for Phase 3, for completion in 2012.

International Manager **08/111**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum
Head of Faculty Higher Education **08/112**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £40,821 per annum
Quality and Innovation Manager **08/113**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £36,365 per annum
Section Manager Dental, Nursing, Social Care & Counselling **06/110**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum
Lecturer Teacher Education **08/114**
7.4 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum
Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum
Public Services **S/PS**
Key Skills: Application of Number and ICT within Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care **S/KS**
Drama Teachers to teach on vocational BTEC Diploma courses in Performing Arts levels 1 – 3. **S/Drama**
Performing Arts – to teach on vocational BTEC Diploma courses levels 1 – 3 **S/PA**
Theatre Production Arts – to teach: Scenic Design, Costume Design, Lighting Design, Stage Management, **S/TP**

HR Advisors **08/119**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum
Pensions & Benefits Clerk **08/118**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum
HR Administrator **08/121**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum
International Administrator **08/115**
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum
Train to Gain Administrator **08/116**
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum
Project Co-ordinator – College Redevelopment **08/117**
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum
Supply Trainer Demonstrator with skills in one or more Stage Craft techniques: Props, Set Construction, Stage Lighting and Sound **S/TD**
Various hours available, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
The closing date for the above posts is Thursday 21 August 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Close to City Centre
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Communities
Community Safety

Partnership Liaison Officer

Salary: Circa £18,000 pa
Fixed term contract until 31 March 2010.

The Dartford and Gravesham Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) are looking to recruit a Partnership Liaison Officer. The postholder will support the work of the Partnership by monitoring and checking of the progress of CDRP initiatives, providing administrative support to CDRP and its Gravesham-based sub-groups, acting as a link and communicating information between partner agencies and assisting in the delivery of community safety and crime reduction projects.

Good communication skills, both oral and written are essential as is some understanding of community safety and associated legislation and multi-agency working.

This is an ideal opportunity for someone with a keen interest in the community safety/crime reduction field who can offer commitment and enthusiasm to this interesting role. **Ref:PLO/KD**

Closing date: 18 August 2008

For an application form and job description please contact:
Personnel Department, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00
Email: customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
Website: www.gravesham.gov.uk

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Computer Services Manager

Corporate Services Department, ICT Section
Salary range £41,325 to £46,782 pa ▪ 37 hours per week

Can you lead from the front? Is change a challenge? Looking to improve?

Canterbury ICT is recognised as a forward thinking, innovative and customer focused team and was awarded Computing's IT department of the Year 2007. We are looking for someone to lead our front line teams to achieve more success in service delivery and excellent customer care.

You will have a proven background in delivery of ICT services using ITIL standards to a large organisation. Your approach is strategic but practical, using the latest technologies but not forgetting value for money. Your communication skills will enable you to work with all levels of technical ability plus motivate your team to strive for and achieve success.

You will have the opportunity to work with an exciting team to explore new ideas for the use of technology to deliver services, plus working with other partners and agencies delivering joint solutions.

Please quote job reference: 1195
Closing date for receipt of completed application forms: 12 noon on Friday 8 August 2008
Interviews will take place on: Wednesday 20 August 2008

We prefer applications on-line. For further details of this position and all our latest opportunities and to apply on-line, visit our website at **www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs** or e-mail **jobs@canterbury.gov.uk** If you are unable to access the internet, telephone **01227 862 072** (24 hour answerphone).

We can supply application packs in Braille or large print format if required

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Putting people first

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With campuses in Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, South Kent College offers a wide range of courses from Entry Level to Level 7 and caters for over 10,000 students of all ages.

We currently have the following opportunities:

Emergency Learning Support Assistant — S2148

Ashford
37 hours per week

You will provide emergency LSA assistance with the learning experiences of identified individual students who are attending the full range of courses at the College. You will have at least two years recent experience as an LSA in FE and GCSE's (or equivalent) in English and Maths Grades C or above.

Motorcycle Technician — S2149

Dover
18.5 hours per week

Working as a member of the Kent Motorcycle Technology Centre to deliver a co-ordinated, integrated learning programme, you will support staff and students in the day-to-day running of the workshops.
Closing date Friday 15th August 2008.

New Start Learning Advocate — S2147

Ashford
26 hours per week

You will provide assistance with the learning experiences of students within the New Start Centre and assist students with reading, writing or verbal communication as required. GCSE's (or equivalent) in Maths and English Grades C or above are required.

New Start Lecturer — T1340

Ashford
37 hours per week

You will teach units of an entry level 3 qualification to groups of students aged 14-16 who have emotional and behavioural difficulties, and prepare and deliver outdoor educational activities. The major focus of the post is to improve behaviour and basic skills to enable students to access mainstream college courses in year 11.

Lecturer in Spanish — T1345

Folkestone
2 hours per week (Maternity cover until 30th September 2009)

Lecturer in Hairdressing — T1348

Ashford
37 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31st October 2009)

You will deliver City & Guilds NVQ Hairdressing Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+ and deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon-based teaching sessions. Five years recent industrial experience is essential and an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Hairdressing.

Lecturer in Beauty Therapy — T1347

Ashford
18.5 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31st July 2009)

You will deliver City & Guilds NVQ Beauty Therapy Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+ and deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon based teaching sessions. Five years recent industrial experience is essential, and an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Beauty Therapy.

Variable Lecturers — T1339

Ashford/Dover/Folkestone

We are currently looking for Variable Lecturers in the following areas to join a bank of staff: Wood Occupations, Catering, Sports, New Start and Early Years. Both hourly paid and salaried roles are also available in Bricklaying and Plastering.
Closing date Tuesday 19th August 2008.

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm, Tuesday 12th August 2008 unless otherwise stated.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit: www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.
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Medway Adult Learning has the following vacancies:

Medway adult learning

Curriculum Managers

Salary: LNFA scale points 4-15
(£20,339-£32,744 pro rata) Location: Gillingham Centre

We are looking to recruit two curriculum managers to develop, plan, monitor and review a programme of courses within agreed targets and to ensure effective quality improvement.

- **Health, public services and care; Education and training** Job ref: CA0161L

Hours: 27.75 hours per week plus additional hours up to 37 hours per week relating to Train to Gain activity

- **Retail and commercial enterprise; Social Sciences** Job ref: CA0162L

Hours: 7.4 hours per week

Qualified teacher status and a management qualification, or relevant experience, are essential together with up-to-date knowledge of legislation and developments within the relevant sector(s). Good interpersonal, communication and organisational skills are required together with a competent use of ICT.

For an informal discussion relating to these posts please contact Sohini Patel, 01634 338343, sohini.patel@medway.gov.uk

To apply for the above jobs

visit **www.medway.gov.uk**

phone **01634 333333** Mon to Fri 8am – 8pm, Sat 9am – 1pm.
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email **jobs@medway.gov.uk** quoting the reference.

Course leader, Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) in association with Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) Job ref: CA0163E

Canterbury Christ Church University

Salary: LNFA Scale points 4-8 (0.15 FTE pro-rata)
(£20,339-£24,855 per annum pro-rata)
Location: Rochester Centre

A part-time (0.15 fte) course leader is required to take overall responsibility for the DTLLS programme by organising and supervising tutorial support for learners and the observation of teaching; communicating with tutors, mentors and learners to ensure effective delivery of the programme; liaising and attending meetings with CCCU and ensuring that assessment of learners meets CCCU's quality assurance criteria.

The successful applicant will hold an initial teacher training qualification, preferably for teaching adults (Cert.Ed. or equivalent); substantial experience of teaching as well as evidence of continuing professional development and recent experience of delivering teacher training courses and assessing observed teaching practice. They will also have excellent oral and written communication skills.

Professional Development Centre vacancies from September:

Salary: LNFA Scale point 8 - £31.24 per hour
Hours: vary according to the planned course
Location: Medway

- **Sessional teacher trainers – DTLLS (L5/6)**
  Job ref: CA0164E
  Teacher trainers with experience of working in HE, are required on the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) delivered in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University.
- **Personal tutors/assessors – DTLLS (L5/6)**
  Job ref: CA0165E
  Personal tutors and assessors are required to carry out tutorials and observations of candidates on the programme, and marking assignments.
- **Sessional teacher trainers – PTLLS (L3/4)**
  Job ref: CA0166E
  Trainers are required for the Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers. The role includes delivery of the course as well as assessment of candidates' work.

Sessional teacher trainers – C&G 9297 Job Ref: CA0167E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 – 3 £18.97 - £24.32 ph
Hours: vary according to the planned course
Location: Medway

Teacher trainers are required on the Certificate in Learning Support course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers with Literacy / Numeracy / ESOL teaching qualifications.

Part time sessional tutor vacancies from September:

Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 – 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Hours: vary according to the planned course
Location: Medway

Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway.

- **Skills for life** Job ref: CA0168E
  ESOL, English, Maths
- **Family literacy, language and numeracy**
  Job ref: CA0169E
  Play and Language co-tutors
  ESOL tutors to teach 'Keeping up with the Children'
- **Wider family learning** Job ref: CA0170E
  First aid, belly dancing, looking after your finances, safe surfing computing, fitness.
- **Modern foreign languages** Job ref: CA0171E
  Modern Greek, Latin, Japanese, Hindi, French (advanced), Italian (daytime).
- **ICT** Job ref: CA0172E
  ICT at all levels, AutoCAD, iTQ, Computing for ESOL.
- **GCSEs** Job ref: CA0173E
  Human Biology, maths, sociology, economics, business studies, law, psychology.
- **NVQs** Job ref: CA0174E
  Health & Social Care (adults) up to level 3 or 4.
- **Beauty, health and fitness** Job ref: CA175E
  Cosmetic make-up C&G 3020 level 2, facials, make-up, nail art, spa manicure, waxing, homeopathy, counselling to level 2, fitness for the older person, body conditioning, fitness, pilates, golf.
- **Cookery** Job ref: CA0176E
  Indian, Thai, Mediterranean.
- **Fine art, crafts and performing arts**
  Job ref: CA0177E
  Drawing and painting - watercolour, life drawing, portrait drawing and painting, photography C&G level 2, Jewellery design, interior design, line dancing, singing, keyboarding, ceroc dancing, tap dancing.
- **Health and safety** Job ref: CA0178E
  Fire safety/awareness, first aid, COSHH.
- **Business** Job ref: CA0179E
  Manual bookkeeping and accounts, computerised accounts to level 2, Sage Payroll.
- **Other subjects** Job Ref: CA0180E
  RYA Dayskipper, gardening, Egyptology, philosophy, tourism.

Part time assessor vacancies for the iTQ award from September:

Job ref: CA0181E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 3 £12.16 per hour
Hours: Vary according to the planned course
Location: Medway

Assessors for iTQ award – must have vocational IT qualification and experience and be prepared to travel within Medway.

For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk.

Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.

Closing date for all posts: 15 August 2008

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Step 1 – Search for vacancies on our website **www.gre.ac.uk** or see pages 4 - 7 of this supplement.

Step 2 – Phone us on 0800 005 006 or visit our Open Day on 16 and 21 August with your qualifications in hand and we will guide you through the application process and help you find a suitable programme.

Step 3 – A verbal offer will be made and confirmed via e-mail.

Step 4 – Send us your clearing passport.

Step 5 – Welcome to the University of Greenwich.

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If you have a question ask our virtual advisor at

www.gre.ac.uk

Got a question?

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Top reasons to study at the University of Greenwich

According to ***The Sunday Times***, we are a top 20 university for graduate starting salaries.

We have some of the lowest tuition fees in the country, currently £2,835 for honours degrees. This is part of our commitment to encourage applicants from the widest range of backgrounds.

In the **National Student Survey**, Greenwich students gave their top rating to teaching, academic support and personal development, with many students praising the helpfulness, accessibility, enthusiasm and dedication of staff.

The university integrates "green" practices into all aspects of its work.

We are the highest-performing new university for consultancy with business and industry and one of the top 10 consultancy universities in the whole of the UK.

£50m - how it was spent

We have invested £50 million across our three campuses to create improved education and social facilities, including:

- new computers and learning resources in the Medway Drill Hall Library;
- new catering facilities across all three campuses;
- a 175-seat lecture theatre;
- new science labs including some of the most sophisticated instrumentation in the UK;
- two new buildings at Avery Hill including a new sports and social facility with a gym and restaurant.

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Research at Greenwich

Here is a taste of what we are up to:

- A potential treatment for multiple sclerosis developed by the University of Greenwich in association with Kings College London has begun clinical trials.
- The university has won its third Queen's Anniversary Prize, for its participation on Tabeisa, an innovative project to reduce poverty in Africa.
- The health of pregnant women and people suffering form HIV and malnutrition in the developing world could be improved by a project to develop low-cost, nutritious foods.
- An initiative led by the University of Greenwich's Natural Resources Institute in close partnership with organisations in five African aims to boost the incomes of small-scale African farmers by linking them to new markets.
- Scientists at the university are playing a key role in a £28 million project with the European Space Agency todevelop the metals of the future.
- The award Winning Carbon8 (a spin-out company for the university's School of Science) has developed an elegant and green way to deal with contaminated land and industrial waste.

Student finance

Your time at university should be enjoyable and rewarding, and it is important that it is not spoilt by unnecessary financial worries.

The great thing to remember about student loans is that you don't have to pay anything back until you have left university and are earning over £15,000 a year. For example, someone earning £20,000 a year would only pay back £8.65 a week.

In addition to government-funded loans, student may also be eligible for certain bursaries, scholarships and funds offered by the university.

To find out more, log on to **www.gre.ac.uk/finance.**

Freshers' Week

This is the best opportunity to meet new people and is always an exhilarating week, jam packed full of activities and events for all students.

Throughout the week there are exciting daytime activities, as well as various themed events in Students' Union bars in the evenings. Some of our previous daytime activities have included bowling, go-karting, boat trips, pitch and putt and barbecues, while night-time events have consisted of pub quizzes, karaoke and school discos – so don't forget to bring your old uniform!

There is also a Freshers' Fair where all of our sports teams and societies, as well as various student-friendly businesses, welcome the new freshers' to university life. Freshers' Week ends with the Freshers' Ball, so students see out the week in style!

Student profiles

"The Medway Campus has a great community feel and a really friendly atmosphere. My programme has taught me specific skills, such as essay writing, which have prepared me for next year."

Ruby Aidoo - Foundation Year, BSc Hons Science (Extended)

"The specialised programme options and attractive location made Greenwich a natural choice for me. The best thing about the university is the inspiring setting and being surrounded by history."

Guile Fortune Ballou - Final Year, BA Hons International Business

"The support network here on campus is one of the best things about the university. My tutors are very approachable and the library staff are always helpful."

Liam Smyth - Year 2, BA Hons English and Creative Writing

"I came to the University of Greenwich because of its reputation. The best thing about my programme is that it's really hands-on and the staff are very approachable: I can pop in to see them anytime."

Hussain Ismail - Year 3, MPharm Pharmacy

"The best thing about the university is meeting people from all different cultures. The Students' Union puts on student nights, which are great for getting to know new people."

Gokhan Cemal - Year 1, BA Hons Business Management

"I am part of the American Football team at the Avery Hill Campus. I really enjoyed the Freshers' Fair in my first week. It showed me all the clubs and societies on offer."

Imeru Spence - Year 1, BA Hons Childhood Studies

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BA Hons	3D Digital Design	A
BA Hons	Accounting and Finance	G
FdA	Accounting and Finance	B, D, T
BA Hons	Accounting and Financial Information Systems	G
BA Hons	Acting	R
BA Hons	Acting Conversion Programme	R
	Administration - see Business	
Fd	Advanced Animal Nursing	H
BA Hons	Advertising and Marketing Communications *	G
Fd	Amenity Horticulture	H
Fd	Animal Conservation and Biodiversity	H
BSc Hons	Animal Conservation and Biodiversity (Top-Up)	H
BSc Hons	Animal Management	H
BSc Hons	Applied Animal Behavioural Science and Welfare (Top-Up)	H
Fd	Applied Behavioural Science and Welfare	H
HND	Applied Biology	B
Fd	Applied Professional Studies	M
BA Hons	Applied Professional Studies (Stage 3)	M
BSc Hons	Applied Professional Studies (Stage 3)	M
HND	Architectural Design	T, E
BA Hons	Architecture	A
FdA	Art Practice	K
BEng Hons	Automotive Engineering with Management	T, M
BSc Hons	Biological Sciences	B, M
HND	Biomedical Science	B
BSc Hons	Biomedical Science	B, M
Fd	Biomedical Science	M
BSc Hons	Biosciences	M
BSc Hons	Biotechnology	M
FdA	Building Restoration and Conservation	K
HND	Building Studies	E, T
BSc Hons	Building Surveying	A, M
HND	Building Surveying	T, E, M, K
BA Hons	Business ^	M, G, E, T, B, D
HND	Business Administration	K
BA Hons	Business Administration (Extended)	E, G
BA Hons	Business Administration *	G, B, T, M, U
FdA	Business and Management	D, E
BSc Hons	Business Computing	G
BA Hons	Business Economics	G
BA Hons	Business Entrepreneurship and Innovation	G
BA Hons	Business In Europe	M
BSc Hons	Business Information Systems	G
BSc Hons	Business Information Technology	G
Fd	Business Information Technology	G, L
BA Hons	Business Law	G
BA Hons	Business Logistics and Transport Management	G
BA Hons	Business Management	G
BA Hons	Business Purchasing and Supply Chain Management	G
BA Hons	Business Studies	G
BA Hons	Business Studies (Year 3 Entry)	G
BA Hons	Business Studies *	T
HND	Business Studies *	T, E, B, D, M, U
BA Hons	Business Technology Management	M, U
HND	Business with Accounting	T

DEGREE	PROGRAMME	CAMPUS
HND	Business with Entrepreneurship	E
FdA	Business with European Business	K
HND	Business with Finance	B, T, E, D
FdA	Business with Finance	K
HND	Business with Hospitality Management	D
HND	Business with Human Resource Management	B, E
FdA	Business with Human Resource Management	K
HND	Business with Human Resources	D
HND	Business with Marketing	T, D, E, B
FdA	Business with Marketing	K
HND	Business with Retail Management	D
HND	Business with Tourism	T
BA Hons	Businesss Administration with German	G
HND	CAD and 3D Animation	K
FdEng	CAD and 3D Animation	K
Fd	Care Management	K, T, B
BSc Hons	Chemistry	M
BSc Hons	Chemistry with French	M
BA Hons	Childhood Studies	A
BA Hons	China International Business	G
BSc Hons	Civil Engineering	M
BEng Hons	Civil Engineering	M
MEng	Civil Engineering	M
BEng Hons	Civil Engineering (Extended)	M
HND	Civil Engineering Studies	M
BEng Hons	Civil Engineering with Project Management	M
BEng Hons	Civil Engineering with Water and Environmental Management	M
BSc Hons	Clinical Practice	A
BEng Hons	Communications Systems and Software Engineering	M
BA Hons	Community Sport	A
BSc Hons	Complementary Therapies	A
Fd	Complementary Therapies	T
BSc Hons	Complementary Therapies (Nutritional Health)	A
BSc Hons	Computer Networking	M
BEng Hons	Computer Networking	M
MEng	Computer Networking	M
BEng Hons	Computer Networking (Extended)	B, M
BSc Hons	Computer Networking with Server Administration	M
BSc Hons	Computer Security and Forensics	G
BSc Hons	Computer Systems and Networking	G
Fd	Computer Systems and Networking	G, D
MEng	Computer Systems and Networking	G
BEng Hons	Computer Systems and Software Engineering	M
BSc Hons	Computer Systems and Software Engineering	M
MEng	Computer Systems and Software Engineering	M
BEng Hons	Computer Systems and Software Engineering (Extended)	B, M
HND	Computer Systems Engineering	B
HND	Computer Systems Engineering (Top-Up)	B
HND	Computing	E
Fd	Computing	D, G, T, E, L
BSc Hons	Computing (Medway)	M
BSc Hons	Computing *	G
BSc Hons	Computing Science	G

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BEng Hons	Computing Systems and Networking	G
BSc Hons	Construction Business Management	A, M
HND	Construction Management	T, E, M, B
BSc Hons	Construction Surveying Management	A, M
FdA	Contact Centre Management and Customer Service	U
BEng Hons	Control and Instrumentation Engineering	M
BEng Hons	Control and Instrumentation Engineering (Extended)	M, B
FdA	Counselling	F
BA Hons	Counselling (Top-Up)	F, A
Fd	Countryside Management	H
Fd	Creative Business and Information Technologies	L, T
BA Hons	Creative Industries	G
FdA	Creative Industries (Multimedia)	D
FdA	Creative Industries Information Technology	U
FdA	Creative Industries: Acting	G
FdA	Creative Industries: Performing Arts	T
FdA	Creative Industries: Professional Wrting	D
BA Hons	Creative Music Production and Technology (Top-Up)	K
Dip HE	Creative Practice	G
HND	Creative Visual Arts (Top-Up)	T
BA Hons	Creative Writing *	G
BSc Hons	Criminal Justice and Legal Studies	G
BA Hons	Criminology	G
BSc Hons	Criminology and Criminal Psychology	G, A
BA Hons	Dance and Theatre Performance	G
BSc Hons	Design and Construction Management	A, M
BA Hons (QTS)	Design and Technology Education (2 Year)	A
BA Hons (QTS)	Design and Technology Education (3 Year)	A
BSc Hons	Digital Animation and Production	G
BSc Hons	Digital Media Technologies	G
FdA	Dispute Resolution At Work	G
BA Hons	Drama*	G
FdA	Early Years	A, B
BA Hons	Early Years (Top-Up)	A
FdA	Early Years Education	T, D
BSc Hons	Ecology and Global Change Management	M
BSc Hons	Economics *	G
BSc Hons	Economics with Banking	G
FdA	Education Administration	E, T, L, W, D, B
FdA	Education and Training	G, B, D, T
BSc Hons	Education and Training (E-Learning, Teaching and Training)	G
BA Hons	Education and Training (Top-Up)	G
BSc Hons	Education and Training (Top-Up)	G
FdA	Education Studies (Working with Deaf People)	T
BA Hons	Education Studies *	A
BEng Hons	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	M
HND	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	K
MEng	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	M
FdEng	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	D, K
BEng Hons	Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Extended)	M, B
BEng Hons	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technology	M
BEng Hons	Electrical Engineering	M
HND	Electronic Engineering	B
BEng Hons	Electronic Engineering (Extended)	M

DEGREE	PROGRAMME	CAMPUS
HND	Electronic Engineering (Top-Up)	B
BEng Hons	Electronics and Computer Systems	M
BA Hons	ELT and Linguistics	G
BEng Hons	Embedded Computer Systems	G
FdA	Employment Relations	T
BEng Hons	Engineering	M
BEng Hons	Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) (Extended)	M
BEng Hons	Engineering Business Management	M
BSc Hons	Engineering Business Management (Extended)	M
BA Hons	English *	G
BSc Hons	Entertainment Technologies	G
BSc Hons	Entertainment Technology and Music Production	G
BSc Hons	Environmental Sciences	M
BSc Hons	Equine Management	H
Fd	Equine Management	H
Fd	Equine Science	H
BSc Hons	Equine Science	H
BSc Hons	Estate Management	A
FdA	Events and Attractions Management	E
BA Hons	Events Management	G
FdA	Events Management	G, K
FdA	Every Child Matters	A
FdA	Fda In Business and Management	B
BSc Hons	Film and TV Production	G
BA Hons	Film Studies *	G
BSc Hons	Financial Mathematics	G
HND	Fine Art	K
BA Hons	Fine Art (Stage 3)	T
Fd	Fisheries Management	H
HND	Forensic Science	B
BSc Hons	Forensic Science	M
BSc Hons	Forensic Science with Criminology	M, G
Certificate	French	G
Advanced Certificate	French	G
BA Hons	French and Tourism Management	G
BEng Hons	Games and Entertainment Systems Software Engineering	M
BSc Hons	Games and Entertainment Systems Software Engineering	M
MEng	Games and Entertainment Systems Software Engineering	M
BSc Hons	Games and Multimedia Technologies	G
HND	Garden Design	H
BA Hons	Garden Design	H, A
Certificate	Garden Design	A
HND	Garden Design (Top-Up)	H
Fd	Garden Management	H
BSc Hons	Geography	M
BSc Hons	Geography with French	M
Certificate	German	G
Advanced Certificate	German	G
BA Hons	German and Tourism Management	G
HND	Graphic and Digital Design	A
BA Hons	Graphic and Digital Design	A
HND	Graphic Design and Advertising	K
BSc Hons	Health *	A
Fd	Health and Social Care (Care)	T, B, E, D
Fd	Health and Social Care (Early Years Care)	E, D, B
BA Hons	History *	G

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BSc Hons	Horticulture (Commercial)	H
HND	Horticulture (Commercial)	H
BSc Hons	Human Nutrition	M
BA Hons	Human Resource Management	G
BA Hons	Humanities (Stage 3)	G
BEng Hons	Industrial Automation	M
BEng Hons	Industrial Automation (Extended)	B, M
Diploma	Industrial Studies (Computing/Mathematics)	G
Diploma	Industrial Studies (Earth/Environmental Sciences)	M
Diploma	Industrial Studies (Engineering)	M
BA Hons	Information Age Education	M
BSc Hons	Information Age Education	M
BSc Hons	Information and Communication Technology	M
BSc Hons	Information Systems	G
BSc Hons	Information Systems with Business	G
BSc Hons	Information Technology and Education	G
BSc Hons	Information Technology and Learning Disabilities	G
BA Hons	Information Technology and Tourism Management	G
FdA	Information Technology Management For Business	U
BSc Hons	Information Technology Management For Business	M
BSc Hons	Information Technology with Digital Media	G
BSc Hons	Information Technology with Networking	G
BSc Hons	Information Technology with Security	G
Fd	Integrative Counselling	B, W, O, K
HND	International Agriculture	H
BSc Hons	International Agriculture	H
BA Hons	International Business	G
Certificate	International Foundation Certificate	G
Diploma	International Foundation Diploma	G
Certificate/ Diploma	International Foundation Programme with Cultural Studies	G
BA Hons	International Studies with Creative Writing	G
BA Hons	International Studies with Economics	G
BA Hons	International Studies with History	G
BA Hons	International Studies with Information Technology	G
BA Hons	International Studies with Media Writing	G
BA Hons	International Studies with Philosophy	G
BA Hons	International Studies with Politics	G
BA Hons	International Studies with Sociology	G
BA Hons	International Studies: Language and Culture	G
BSc Hons	Internet Computing	G
BSc Hons	Internet Engineering and Web Management	M
BEng Hons	Internet Technologies	M
BEng Hons	Internet Technologies (Extended)	B, M
Certificate	Italian	G
Advanced Certificate	Italian	G
BA Hons	Italian and Tourism Management	G
BA Hons	Journalism and Public Relations	G
BA Hons	Landscape Architecture	A
BSc Hons	Landscape Management (Countryside) (Top-Up)	H
BSc Hons	Landscape Management (Land Use)	H
HND	Landscape Management (Land Use)	H

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HND	Landscape Management (Land Use) (Top-Up)	H
LLB Hons	Law	G
Diploma	Law	G
BA Hons	Law ^	G
FdA	Learning Support	E, B, W, D, O, T
BSc Hons	Life Sciences with French	M
Certificate	Lifelong Learning	M, U
Dip HE	Literature, Language and Culture	G
FdA	Logistics	E
FdA	Management	K
BEng Hons	Manufacturing Systems Engineering	M
BEng Hons	Manufacturing Systems Engineering (Extended)	M, B
FdEng	Marine Engineering	M
BEng Hons	Marine Engineering Technology	M, D
BA Hons	Marketing *	G
FdA	Marketing Technology	U
BSc Hons	Mathematics *	G
BSc Hons	Mathematics for Decision Science	G
BSc Hons	Mathematics, Statistics and Computing	G
BEng Hons	Mechanical Engineering	M
HND	Mechanical Engineering	K, B
MEng	Mechanical Engineering	M
FdEng	Mechanical Engineering	K
BEng Hons	Mechanical Engineering (Extended)	B, M
HND	Mechanical Engineering (Top-Up)	B
BEng Hons	Mechanical Engineering Technology	M
BEng Hons	Mechatronics	M
BEng Hons	Mechatronics (Extended)	B, M
FdA	Media and Creative Arts	G
BA Hons	Media Culture and Communications	G
HND	Media Production	K
BA Hons	Media Writing *	G
Fd	Medical Sciences	B
BSc Hons	Medicinal Horticulture	H
HND	Medicinal Horticulture	H
Fd	Medicines Management	M
BSc Hons	Mental Health Work	A
BSc Hons	Midwifery	A
Dip HE	Midwifery	A
BSc Hons	Mobile Computing and Communications	G
FdA	Moving Image Production	K
BA Hons	Moving Image Production (Top-Up)	K
FdA	Multimedia	U
BSc Hons	Multimedia Technology	G
Fd	Multimedia Technology	G, D
HND	Music Technology	K
FdEng	Network Computing	B
BSc Hons	Nursing (Adult Nursing)	A
Dip HE	Nursing (Adult Nursing)	A
BSc Hons	Nursing (Children's Nursing)	A
Dip HE	Nursing (Children's Nursing)	A
Dip HE	Nursing (Learning Disabilities Nursing)	A
BSc Hons	Nursing (Learning Disabilities Nursing)	A
Dip HE	Nursing (Mental Health Nursing)	A
BSc Hons	Nursing (Mental Health Nursing)	A
Dip HE	Nursing Studies	M
Dip HE	Nursing Studies (Mental Health)	M
BSc Hons	Occupational Safety, Health and The Environment	A
BSc Hons	Osteopathy	P

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BSc Hons	Pharmaceutical Sciences	M
HND	Pharmaceutical Sciences	B
MPharm	Pharmacy	M
Foundation Degree	Pharmacy Practice	M
BA Hons	Philosophy *	G
HND	Photography	D
FdA	Photography	D
BA Hons	Photography (Top-Up)	D
HND	Photography (Top-Up)	D
BA Hons	Physical Education and Sport	A
BA Hons	Politics *	G
Fd	Primary Care Assistant Practitioner	A
BA Hons (QTS)	Primary Education (3 Years)	A
HND	Product Design	K
FdEng	Product Design	K
BSc Hons	Product Design Technology (with UCCA)	M
BA Hons	Product Design Technology (with UCCA)	M
BSc Hons	Product Development (with UCCA)	M
BSc Hons	Professional Practice In Health and Social Care	A
BA Hons	Project Management	M
BSc Hons	Psychology	A
BSc Hons	Psychology with Counselling	A
BSc Hons	Public Health	A
BEng Hons	Public Health Engineering Technology	M
BA Hons	Public Relations	G
FdA	Public Sector Administration and Information Technology	M
FdA	Public Services	T, D
BSc Hons	Quantity Surveying	A, M
HND	Quantity Surveying	T, E, M
BSc Hons	Real Estate	A
FdA	Rural Business Management	H
Certificate	Sales and Marketing	M
FdA	Salon Management	E
BSc Hons	Science (Extended)	B, M, W
FdA	Small Business Administration, Information Technology and Web Managmement	M
FdA	Small Business Management	T, B, D, U
BA Hons	Social and Cultural History	G
BA Hons	Social Care (Stage 3)	A
BA Hons	Social Work	A
BA Hons	Sociology *	G
FdEng	Software Development	B
BEng Hons	Software Engineering	G
BSc Hons	Software Engineering	G
MEng	Software Engineering	G
MEng	Software Engineering Contracting and Consulting	M
Certificate	Spanish	G
Advanced Certificate	Spanish	G
BA Hons	Spanish and Tourism Management	G
BA Hons	Specialist Social Work (Top-Up)	A
BSc Hons	Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation	M
HND	Sports Development	D
HND	Sports Science	D
BSc Hons	Sports Science *	M
FdA	Sports Studies	D, W, M
FdA	Sports Studies (Community Sports Development)	D

DEGREE	PROGRAMME	CAMPUS
FdA	Stage Management and Technical Theatre	R
BSc Hons	Statistics *	G
BSc Hons	Sustainable Development	M
Fd	Sustainable Land Management	H
BSc Hons	Sustainable Land Management (Top-Up)	H, M
HND	Television Production Technology	T
HND	Tourism Management	K
BA Hons	Tourism Management (Extended)	E, G
BA Hons	Tourism Management *	G
FdA	Transport, Logistics Operations and Administration	M
BA Hons	Travel and Tourism	E, G
HND	Travel and Tourism	E
BA Hons	Travel and Tourism Management	M
Fd	TV Production and New Media Systems	T
BA Hons	Visual Art and Communication (Top-Up)	K
BSc Hons	Web Business Systems	G
BSc Hons	Web Technologies	G
BEng Hons	Wireless Mobile Communications Systems Engineering	M
MEng	Wireless Mobile Communications Systems Engineering	M
BA Hons	Youth and Community Studies	A

Location	Code
Greenwich Campus	G
Avery Hill Campus	A
Medway Campus	M
Academy of Live and Recorded Arts	R
Bexley College	E
Bird College	G
Bromley College	B
Canterbury College	K
The European School of Osteopathy	P
Greenwich Community College	W
Guildford College of Further and Higher Education	F
Hadlow College	H
Lewisham College	L
North West Kent College	D
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University Centre Folkestone	U
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Estates Administrator x 2

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Folkestone
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SC Motor Factors Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0208 308 6812
Email
Humanresources@scmf.co.uk

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Closing Date: 21 August 2008
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Canterbury College
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Ashford
Salary: £13k
Closing Date: 22nd August 2008
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Project Co-ordinator

Maidstone
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To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0354
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Salary: tba
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To apply/more information:
Sue Barlow,
GSE Group
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Tel: 01233 506337
Email sue.barlow@
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Art and Design

JUNIOR DESIGNER

Ashford
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Miss S Spratley,
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Email samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk

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To apply/more information:
Linde Taylor,
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Child Care

Independent Speech and Language Therapist and Occupational Therapist for Education

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Ethelbert Children's Services
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Tel: 01843 823762
Email jackie.brandon@
ethelberthomes.co.uk

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Dr Bandyopadhyay-Maitra
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Education, Teacher, School

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Course leader, Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) in association with Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU)

Rochester
Salary: LNFA Scale points 4-8 (0.15 FTE pro-rata) (£20,339 - £24,855 per annum pro-rata)
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
A part-time (0.15 fte) course leader is required to take overall responsibility for the DTLLS programme by organising and supervising tutorial support for learners and the observation of teaching; communicating with tutors, mentors and learners to ensure effective delivery of the programme; liaising and attending meetings with CCCU and ensuring that assessment of learners meets CCCU's quality assurance criteria. The successful applicant will hold an initial teacher training qualification, preferably for teaching adults (Cert.Ed. or equivalent); substantial experience of teaching as well as evidence of continuing professional development and recent experience of delivering teacher training courses and assessing observed teaching practice. They will also have excellent oral and written communication skills. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Curriculum Manager in Health, public services and care; Education and training

Gillingham
Salary: LNFA scale points 4-15 (£20,339-£32,744 pro rata)
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
We are looking to recruit a curriculum manager to develop, plan, monitor and review a programme of courses within agreed targets and to ensure effective quality improvement. 27.75 hours per week plus additional hours up to 37 hours per week relating to Train to Gain activity. Qualified teacher status and a management qualification, or relevant experience, are essential together with up-to-date knowledge of legislation and developments within the relevant sector(s). Good interpersonal, communication and organisational skills are required together with a competent use of ICT. For an informal discussion relating to this post please contact Sohini Patel, 01634 338343, sohini.patel@medway.gov.uk To apply please email jobs@medway.gov.uk quoting the reference or phone 01634 333333 Mon to Fri 8am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 1pm or 01634 332843 for our 24-hour answerphone. Visit www.medway.gov.uk
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Curriculum Manager in Retail and commercial enterprise; Social Sciences

Gillingham
Salary: LNFA scale points 4-15 (£20,339 - £32,744 pro rata)
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
We are looking to recruit a curriculum manager to develop, plan, monitor and review a programme of courses within agreed targets and to ensure effective quality improvement. Hours: 7.4 hours per week Qualified teacher status and a management qualification, or relevant experience, are essential together with up-to-date knowledge of legislation and developments within the relevant sector(s). Good interpersonal, communication and organisational skills are required together with a competent use of ICT. For an informal discussion relating to this post please contact Sohini Patel, 01634 338343, sohini.patel@ medway.gov.uk To apply please email jobs@medway.gov.uk quoting the reference or phone 01634 333333 Mon to Fri 8am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 1pm or 01634 332843 for our 24-hour answerphone. Visit www.medway.gov.uk
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Divisional Managers

Chatham
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Closing Date: Friday 15 August 2008
Today whether it is areas of conflict or natural disaster the skills and professional expertise of the Royal Engineers are in great demand. Whether constructing a tented camp in Basra or rebuilding the utilities in the Balkans the Royal Engineers have demonstrated that they are a highly proficient team with a wide rage of professional trade skills. Although they are soldiers first and foremost they are also highly skilled combat engineers and tradesmen. Currently we are looking for three Divisional Managers to lead the following curriculum areas at the school: • Engineering Division – Responsibility for the overall performance of the mechanical and engineering services faculties. • Construction Division - Responsibility for the overall performance of the building and design faculties. • Professional Engineer Division - Responsibility for the higher education courses to MSC in civil engineering and in electrical & mechanical engineering. This post carries a teaching commitment and the person appointed would need to be a chartered civil engineer. Your role will be to work collaboratively with the military to ensure that the training provided for the soldiers is of the highest quality and meets the full requirements of the Ministry of Defence. Ideally qualified to degree level or equivalent you will have significant management experience in training and development preferably within the fields of construction or engineering. Efficiency and organisational skills are critical as well as the ability to lead a large team of proficient instructors and trainers while building sound working relationships at all levels. Applicants should be aware that the RSME is currently pursuing a partnering arrangement with the private sector organisation Holdfast as part of the Government Public Private Sector partner initiative. Mid-Kent College is part of the Holdfast Group and will have the responsibility for providing the training at the RSME when the contract is signed. Successful applicants will be employed by Mid-Kent College to work at the RSME. For an application form and job description please: Visit our website www.midkent.ac.uk. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 2 September 2008.
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Graphic Design Lecturer

Tonbridge
Salary: 0.5fte, £11,532 - £15,855 pa
Closing Date: 14 August 2008
eaching on a variety of programmes in our Art & Media department, you will have access to our advanced facilities which include our state-of-the-art Apple Mac, TV and photography studios.
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Hairdressing Lecturer

Tonbridge
Salary: £24,028 - £31,709 pa
Closing Date: Thursday 14 August 2008
Playing a leading role in the management and teaching of Hair Design, you will inspire students on this popular course by passing on your wealth of knowledge at foundation, intermediate and advance level.
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Head of Faculty Higher Education

Canterbury
Salary: salary starting from £40,821 per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
37 hrs per week.
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Canterbury College
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Tel: 01227 811282
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Instrumental Tutors (Music)

Ramsgate
Salary: tba
Closing Date: 29th August 08
To support the Music Department in the delivery of tuition in the following areas: • Guitar • Woodwind Applications are welcome from graduates of music or music education, and from candidates who hold other professional qualifications in music. Successful candidates will teach individual lessons or in small groups of 2/3 pupils. Lessons are 30 minute periods and successful candidates will be expected to address the individual needs of pupils. Instructors will be expected to teach from beginner level and should develop and lead small ensembles for public performances. Instructors will be employed on a peripatetic basis, meeting demand as required. CVs and letters of application by post to the address above FAO: Jennifer Spooner HR Manager or via jennifer spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk. You should state the post you are applying for, your principal instrument and your suitability for such a post. Appointments are subject to an enhanced CRB check.
To apply/more information:
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Marlowe Academy
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 593326
Email jennifer spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Rochester
Salary: £14,492 - £18,430 pro-rata.
Closing Date: 11th August 2008
35 hrs per wk, term time only to start September 2008.You will be working at part of a team of five Learning Support Assistants working one to one with a number of students within the Special Needs Department.
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Mrs J Freeman
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Email freej001@medway.co.uk

Learning Support Construction and Key Skills

Sheerness
Salary: Starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 11 August 2008 at 12 noon
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks Term time. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include: Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme, Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations, Generous Holiday Allowance, Staff Discount Scheme.
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Learning Support Independent Living and Leisure Skills

Canterbury
Salary: salary starting from £16,364 pro rata
Closing Date: 11 August 2008
18.5 hours per week, 38 weeks term time.
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Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/82
Tel: 01227 811282
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Lecturer - Computer Games and Interactive Media

Canterbury
Salary: salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: 11 August 2008
18.5 hours per week,
To apply/more information:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/54
Tel: 01227 811282
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Email
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Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

Canterbury
Salary: salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum
Closing Date: 11 August 2008
37 hours per week
To apply/more information:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 07/87
Tel: 01227 811282
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Lecturer HE Building Surveying

Canterbury
Salary: salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: 11 August 2008
9.25 hours per week.
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Tel: 01227 811282
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Lecturer in Media Theory

Canterbury
Salary: salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: 11 August 2008
18.5 hours per week.
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Lecturer Journalism

Canterbury
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Closing Date: 11 August 2008
18.5 hours per week.
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Lecturer Teacher Education

Canterbury
Salary: salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
7.4 hrs per week.
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Part time assessor vacancies for the iTQ award

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 3 £12.16 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Hours vary according to the planned course. Assessors for iTQ award - must have vocational IT qualification and experience and be prepared to travel within Medway.
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Part time sessional tutor (Various Subjects)

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Part time sessional tutor RYA Dayskipper, gardening, Egyptology, philosophy, tourism. Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor in Beauty, health and fitness

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Cosmetic make-up C&G 3020 level 2, facials, make-up, nail art, spa manicure, waxing, homeopathy, counselling to level 2, fitness for the older person, body conditioning, fitness, pilates, golf. Hours vary according to the planned course Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor in Business

Meday
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Manual bookkeeping and accounts, computerised accounts to level 2, Sage Payroll. Hours vary according to the planned course. Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor in Cookery

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Indian, Thai, Mediterranean. Hours vary according to the planned course. Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor in Fine art, crafts and performing arts

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Drawing and painting - watercolour, life drawing, portrait drawing and painting, photography C&G level 2, Jewellery design, interior design, line dancing, singing, keyboarding, ceroc dancing, tap dancing. Hours vary according to the planned course Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. For an informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records

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Part time sessional tutor in Health and safety

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Fire safety/awareness, first aid, COSHH. Hours vary according to the planned course. Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor vacancies from September: NVQs

Medway
Salary: Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. Health & Social Care (adults) up to level 3 or 4. You may be required to travel around Medway. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor vacancies from September: GCSEs

Medway
Salary: Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway.Human Biology, maths, sociology, economics, business studies, law, psychology. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor vacancy from September-Modern foreign languages

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Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. Modern Greek, Latin, Japanese, Hindi, French (advanced), Italian (daytime). For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor vacancy from September-Skills for life

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Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. ESOL, English, Maths For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine. osborne@medway.gov.uk. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor vacancy from September:-Family literacy, language and numeracy

Medway
Salary: Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Play and Language co-tutors ESOL tutors to teach 'Keeping up with the Children'Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway.For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor vacancy from September: ICT

Medway
Salary: Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. ICT at all levels, AutoCAD, iTQ, Computing for ESOL. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Part time sessional tutor vacancy from September:- Wider family learning

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 per hour
Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway Applicants must have (or be working towards) a full qualification in the teaching of adults; Certificate in Education/DTTLS or equivalent. You may be required to travel around Medway. First aid, belly dancing, looking after your finances, safe surfing computing, fitness. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Personal tutors/ assessors - DTLLS (L5/6)

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 8 - £31.24 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Personal tutors and assessors are required to carry out tutorials and observations of candidates on the programme, and marking assignments. Hours vary according to the planned course. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Post 1 Student Support

Chatham
Salary: £12,291 - £20,736 (pro rata)
Closing Date: Thursday 21st August
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Mrs. C. Winn
Fort Pitt Grammar
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Project Co-ordinator - College Redevelopment

Canterbury
Salary: salary starting from £18,375 per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week.
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Section Manager Dental, Nursing, Social Care and Counselling

Canterbury
Salary: salary starting from £32,808 per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week.
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Sessional teacher trainers - CandG 9297

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Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 - 3 £18.97 - £24.32 ph
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Hours vary according to the planned course. Teacher trainers are required on the Certificate in Learning Support course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers with Literacy / Numeracy / ESOL teaching qualifications. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Sessional teacher trainers - DTLLS (L5/6)

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Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Teacher trainers with experience of working in HE, are required on the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) delivered in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University. Hours vary according to the planned course. For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Sessional teacher trainers - PTLLS (L3/4)

Medway
Salary: LNFA Scale point 8 - £31.24 per hour
Closing Date: 15 August 2008
Trainers are required for the Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers. The role includes delivery of the course as well as assessment of candidates' work. Hours vary according to the planned course For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne. Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.
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Skills for Life Lecturer

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We are looking for a lecturer who can confidently teach 16-18 year olds key skills, such as literacy and numeracy. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a growing and developing team who are dedicated to teaching skills for life in a modern and relevant way.
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Supply Learning Support Independent Living and Leisure Skills

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Supply Lecturers Bookkeeping and Accounting

Isle of Sheppey
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Supply Trainer Demonstrator

Canterbury
Salary: salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
with skills in one or more Stage Craft techniques: Props, Set Construction, Stage Lighting and Sound S/TD Various hours available.
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Teachers (Unqualified Tutor Scale)

Thanet
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Email
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Teaching and Learning Support

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Train to Gain Administrator

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Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care

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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

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Palatine Precision Ltd
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Electrical Project Engineer

Chatham
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Project Engineer required for a successful expanding Electrical Testing and Inspection Company in the Kent area to assist in the day to day running of multi site projects. Good communication and organisational skills essential. Duties will include client liaison, programming of works, site surveying, ensuring time and cost targets are achieved, reporting to the Project Manager. Benefits include profit related bonus and an attractive salary package. Position is part office, part mobile, visiting various sites throughout the U.K. Please apply to Quantec, 1 The Oaks Revenge Road, Lordswood, Chatham Kent ME5 8LF.
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Tel: 01634 865750
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Freeman Foreman
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01435 867258
Email keith.knight@freemanforman.co.uk

HR, Recruitment

HR Administrator

Canterbury
Salary: salary starting from £14,535 per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week.
To apply/more information:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
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Tel: 01227 811282
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HR Advisors

Canterbury
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Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week.
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Quoting Job Ref: 08/119
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Email
michelle.jenkins@achuk.com

Clinical Quality Manager x 2

Kent
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Estates Development Manager x 2

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Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week.
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Programme Support Manager

Kent
Salary: Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa
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To apply/more information:
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Provider Development Manager

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Closing Date: 22 August 2008
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Quality and Innovation Manager

Canterbury
Salary: salary starting from £36,365 per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week.
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Marketing, Advertising

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To apply/more information:
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Motor Trade, Driver

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Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Email maidstone@
thebestconnection.co.uk

HGV CLASS 1 with Digital Tachograph

Aylesford
Salary: £9.00 - £14.00 (dependent on shift)
To undertake store deliveries for this major supermarket distribution centre in Aylesford. Must have minimum 2 years experience and a maximum of 3 penalty points for insurance purposes. Shifts earlies, lates and nights Monday to Sunday.
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HGV CLASS 2

Kent
Salary: tba
For a variety of assignments, 6-10 drops per day. 0600 starts. Operating out of Aylesford and Snodland. Also required to work out of Dartford, Gully Driver, working with experienced operator 0700 starts Monday to Friday.
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The Best Connection
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Vehicle Imager

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Tel: 01202 744194 ext 226
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Not for profit, Charities

Fundraising Assistant

Hythe
Salary: Salary circa £12,900+ depending on experience
Closing Date: 15th August 2008
The Aspinall Foundation is the charity working in conjunction with Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks to protect rare and endangered animals from extinction. We are looking for a Fundraising Assistant to join our small fundraising team based at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park. You will be responsible for accurately processing direct debits and donations with supporting correspondence; importing and extracting data from the database for fundraising campaigns. This role will also be supporting the team in providing excellent supporter care to our donors face to face, by phone and written. As well as providing accurate financial management of donors. The ideal candidate would have had experience of processing direct debits or other payments regularly and use a range of computer packages such as word, including mailmerge and excel. As well as a working knowledge of a database package. It would be desirable for the candidate to have experience of working in a financial environment. We are looking for a self-motivated individual with excellent data entry and communication skills, who can work unsupervised and as part of a team. Please send CV with covering letter explaining why you want the job and what personal skills you would bring to this role to: Ms Helen Dallimore-Jones. The Aspinall Foundation Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, Port Lympne, Nr Hythe Kent. CT21 4PD.
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Howletts Wild Animal Park
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
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Email personnel@howletts.net

LINk Development Worker

Folkestone
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Closing Date: 11 August 2008
1 position located in Medway (equivalent to 28 hours per week) 3 positions located throughout Kent (full time)
To enable, support, guide, facilitate and develop the Local Involvement Network in its activities across a designated area. We are looking to engage highly motivated people who have experience in engaging and working with volunteers, groups and communities including those considered to be hard to reach. Candidates must have the ability to work within a team and on own initiative with minimal support and to lead and motivate people. Excellent keyboard skills and computer literacy is essential in addition to good organisation and time management skills with an accurate and systematic approach.
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Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Care Worker and Care Co-ordinator

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required to assist service users living in their own homes in Medway. Early mornings, evenings and alternate weekends. Full training will be given, free uniform supplied and mileage allowance. Car and mobile phone essential.
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Care Workers

Kent
Salary: tba
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Community Equipment and Transport

Kent
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Day and Nightime Carers

Gillingham
Salary: tba
required, NVQ2 preferred but not essential Disclosure expenses to be met by employee.
To apply/more information:
Grace Manor Nursing Home
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Tel: 01634 570230
Email
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RGN, RMN and Senior Carere

Gillingham
Salary: tba
Disclosure expenses to be met by employee.
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 570230
Email
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SUPPORT WORKERS

Gravesend
Salary: Salary from £13,120
To apply/more information:
ACH Care Homes Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0208 502 4466.
Email
michelle.jenkins@achuk.com

Other

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Public Sector, Social Services

"Health Matters" Group co-ordinator

Kent
Salary: Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Closing Date: 22 August 2008
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Equality and Diversity Officer

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GROUP INTERVENTION WORKER

Ashford
Salary: Salary: £16,627 - £18,288 pro ratas
Closing Date: 27th August 2008
Up to 37 hours term time only + 5 days Initially fixed term until April 2011 We are looking to recruit a Group Intervention Worker to work within the Ashford BEST, addressing the needs of BIP schools, pupils and families by providing a range of group activities to improve pupil behaviour and attendance. Successful applicants will be expected to have experience of working with young people and/or families, and have strong inter-personal skills. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure CRB check. For an application pack please contact: Lisa Vant, Senior Administrator, BEST, Ray Allen Centre, Stanhope Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 5RN.
To apply/more information:
Lisa Vant
Ashford BEST
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 668506
Email lisa.vant@kent.gov.uk

Partnership Liaison Officer

Gravesend
Salary: Salary: Circa £18,000 pa
Closing Date: 18 August 2008
Fixed term contract until 31 March 2010. The Dartford and Gravesham Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) are looking to recruit a Partnership Liaison Officer. The postholder will support the work of the Partnership by monitoring and checking of the progress of CDRP initiatives, providing administrative support to CDRP and its Gravesham-based sub-groups, acting as a link and communicating information between partner agencies and assisting in the delivery of community safety and crime reduction projects. Good communication skills, both oral and written are essential as is some understanding of community safety and associated legislation and multi-agency working. This is an ideal opportunity for someone with a keen interest in the community safety/crime reduction field who can offer commitment and enthusiasm to this interesting role. Ref: PLO/KD For an application form and job description please contact: Personnel Department, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.
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gravesham.gov.uk

Provider Development Assistant

Kent
Salary: Band 3 £14,834 - £17,732 pa
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Provider Development Facilitator

Kent
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Provider Development Officer

Kent
Salary: Band 4 £17,316 - £20,818 pa
Closing Date: 22 August 2008
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YISP Project Co-ordinators

Kent
Salary: Starting salary £22,825,
Closing Date: 14th August 2008.
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Quoting Job Ref: CMY/08/0187
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YISP Senior Project Co-ordinators

Kent
Salary: Starting salary £26,159,
Closing Date: 14th August 2008
Temporary Contract until March 2011
To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CMY/08/0185
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Retail, Wholesale, Sales

Business Development Executive

Tonbridge
Salary: £24,168 - £27,844 rising to approx £30k with OTE
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
37 Hours, 52 weeks per year Generating important business for the college, you will develop existing and new clients through proactive sales activity as part of an existing successful and established team. As well as acting as a key presence at major sales and industry events, there is also a strong relationship management side to the role, and you'll be expected to bring a proven track record of key account management to the position. To meet the challenge of making our new business capacity more robust than ever before, we require you to have sharp negotiating skills, confident presenting ability together with good experience of generating income and customer accounts. The benefits in joining us are immense: generous annual leave; flexible working hours; lots of support including an on-site nursery; final salary pension and more.
To apply/more information:
West Kent College
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Hamper Fulfilment Co-ordinator

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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CANTERBURY ROAD A252, CHALLOCK, MOLASH AND CHILHAM) (ROAD CLOSURE) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway works to take place that Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on part of Canterbury Road, A252 between its junction with A251 Faversham Road, Challock to its junction with A28 Canterbury Road, Chilham on or after 10th September 2008 for an estimated period of two week's or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative route for the location described above is Buck Street, Faversham Road and Canterbury Road

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BURTON ROAD, KENNINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on 28 Burton Road, Kennington on or after Tuesday 26th August 2008 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Church Road and Faversham Road (A251).

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide a new electrical supply, should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Tom Nolan of Murphy Contractors on 01622 352599.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BIG PETT, ELMSTED) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Big Pett, Elmsted between Dundas Park Farm and Pett Bottom on Monday 11th August 2008 for a period of 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Bigg Pett is via Whatsole Street, Maxted Street, Stone Street and Stowting Hill.

British Telecom apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to renew aerial cable. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tracy Zeal of A-Plant Lux Traffic Management on 01666 822000.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(MILL LANE, BELTINGE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2008

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made under sections 1(1), 2 (1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Ac

The Order will have the effect of prohibiting motor vehicles on the following length of road:

Name of Road	Length of road affected
MILL LANE, BELTINGE	from a point 27m south of the junction with Margate Road to the southern most extremity of Mill Lane North.

The Order was made on 4 August 2008 and will come into force on 11 August 2008.

The Order was first advertised as the Kent County Council (Mill Lane, Beltinge) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2007.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Canterbury City council, Military Road, Canterbury during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works for diversion of an existing water main are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Canterbury as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on or after 25 August 2008 for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Ten Perch Road,	Closure of Ten Perch Road southbound only from its junction with The Boundary to its junction with the entrance to Morrisons Car Park.	The Boundary, Cotton Road, Cow Lane and Wincheap.	25 August for up to 2 weeks.
Cotton Road, Canterbury.	Closed west bound only from the rear entrance of Homebase to its junction with the Cotton Road bus gate.	Cow Lane, Wincheap and Ten Perch Road.	25 August for up to 2 weeks.

This Order will come into force on Monday 25 August 2008, and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCHOOL LANE, HOATH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway patching works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on School Lane, Hoath from its junction with Maypole Lane to its junction with Mill Road on 11 August 2008 for an estimated period of 5 Days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Old Tree Road and Maypole Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(GROVE FERRY HILL LEVEL CROSSING, CHISLET) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Grove Ferry Hill Level Crossing, Chislet, near Canterbury. This Order will commence on Saturday 30th August for a period of 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is Island Road, Ramsgate Road, Gore Street, The Street, Preston Road, Stourmouth Road, Grove Road and Grove Ferry Road.

Balfour Beatty Rail Infrastructure Services Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to renew a track. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Mrs. B Conway of Traffic Management Services on 01474 544017.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PRIORY ROAD, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Priory Road, Dartford for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 11th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 12 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Victoria Road, Hythe Street and Westgate Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new Gas Main.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS RINGWOULD NEAR DEAL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads Ringwould near Deal as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on or after 25 August 2008 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Hangman's Lane	From its junction with Front Street to its junction with Back Street	Access only for residents	for three weeks.
Ringwould Road	From its junction with Hangman's Lane to its junction with Sutton Lane	Ringwould Road, Waterworks Lane, Waterworks Hill, Pommeus Lane and Sutton Lane	25 August 2008 for one week
Phase 2			
Wingleton Lane	From its junction with Crooked S Road to its junction with Ringwould	Crooked S Road, Ripple Road and Ringwould Road.	7 September 2008 for one week.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
DARNLEY ROAD, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Darnley Road, Gravesend between its junctions with Old Road East and Kent Road.

The Order will become effective on 25th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take place on one Sunday in the following four weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Old Road West, Pelham Road, Darnley Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway surfacing and road markings.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PEACOCK STREET, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Peacock Street, Gravesend.

The Order will become effective on 11th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: St Andrews Road, The Grove and Saddlington Street.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the repair to a water pipe.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Gravelly Bottom Road, Back Street, Busbridge Road, East Sutton Road, Broomfield Road, Burberry Lane after 09.30hrs on or after 25th August 2008, each for 1 day during a 1 week period, as indicated by signage on site.

The alternative routes for the routes described above are:-

Gravelly Bottom Road between Ulcombe Road & Broomfield Road: - Diversion via Ulcombe Road, Upper Street, Burberry Lane, Park Barn Road, Broomfield Road.

East Sutton Road between Brick Kiln Lane & Stickfast Lane: - Diversion via Stickfast Lane, Brick Kiln Lane.

Back Street from Forge Lane to partway down Back Street: - Diversion via Back Street, Horseshoes Lane, Upper Street, Forge Lane.

Busbridge Road between Stockett Lane & Well Street: - Diversion via Stockett Lane, Forstal Lane, Well Street.

Burberry Lane between George Lane & Lower Street: - Diversion via George Lane and Lower Street.

Broomfield Road near Upper Street Cottage: - Diversion via Broomfield Road, Park Barn Road, Burberry Lane, Penfold Hill, Ashford Road.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to replace poles in the area. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Peter Bond on 07795 377412.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
WEST END, KEMSING (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on West End Kemsing between its junctions with Childsbridge Lane and St Ediths Road.

The Order will become effective on 25th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take place on four of the following seven days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Childsbridge Lane, Church Street, Noah's Ark, and St Ediths Road. Please note vehicles will also be requested to use High Street and School Lane also.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Gripfibre surfacing works.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
CHELSFIELD LANE, SHOREHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Chelsfield Lane, Shoreham between its junctions with Shacklands Road and Shoreham Lane.

The Order will become effective on 11th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 3 nights. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Shacklands Road, A224 Orpington Bypass, Hewitts Road, Shoreham Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the repairs to the M25 Bridge.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHURCH ROAD, HYTHE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because gas main replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Road, Hythe from its junction with North Road to its junction with Hillside Street on or after 28 August 2008 for an estimated period of 4 weeks or until such works are complete.

No alternative route for through traffic. Resident only access to be maintained at all times where possible.

For further information, please contact Geoff Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(COTTAGE ROAD RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Sewer connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Cottage Road Ramsgate from from the junction with B2054 Wellington Crescent to the junction with Albion Mews on or after 25 August 2008 for an estimated period of 7 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Wellington Crescent, Plains of Waterloo, La Belle Alliance Square and Hibernia Street. Via Hibernia Street, Camden Road, Abbots Hill and Albion Place.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PRIORY STREET, TONBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Priory Street, Tonbridge from its junction with Pembury Road for a distance of 322m.

The Order will become effective on 11th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: St Stephens Street, Lavender Hill

The purpose of the Order is to install a new manhole cover and connection to sewer.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
EAST STREET, TONBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on East Street Tonbridge between its junctions with Church Street and High Street.

The Order will become effective on 11th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: East Street, Bordyke and High Street.

The purpose of the Order is to Conduct works to the footway.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE STREET, RYARSH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on The Street, Ryarsh Between its junctions with Chapel Street and the Workhouse Road/Roughetts Road Crossroads.

The Order will become effective on 11th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Light Vehicles: Chapel Street and Workhouse Road. HGV'S: Roughetts Road, A20 London Road, A228 West Malling and Leybourne Bypass, Birling Road, Bull Road, Ryarsh Road, Birling Road.

The purpose of the Order is to install BT Ducting in the carriageway.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
LONG MILL LANE, PLATT (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Long Mill Lane, Platt between its junctions with Basted Lane and Crouch Lane.

The Order will become effective on 25th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take place from 26th August and last for 4 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Basted Lane, Plough Hill, Mill Lane, Thong Lane, Quarry Hill Road, A25 Maidstone Road and Crouch Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate a carriageway trench crossing to install a new electrical supply.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMON ROAD AND ISMAYS ROAD, IGHTHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Common Road, Ightham between its junctions with A25 Sevenoaks Road and Ismays Road, and on Imsays Road, Ightham between its junctions with Common Road and Stone Street Road. Please note: these roads will not be closed at the same time.

The Order will become effective on 25th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 2 weeks per section. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via:

Common Road: A25 Sevenoaks Road, Ightham Bypass, A227 Borough Green Road, The Street, Bates Hill, Ismays Road and Common Road.

Ismays Road: Back Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road, High Cross Road, Ismays Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate desilting and cabling of BT ducting.

For further information, please contact Geoff Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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Monday, 18 August 2008	Monday, 16 February 2009
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Monday, 20 October 2008	Friday, 17 April 2009
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Friday, 19 December 2008	Monday, 20 June 2009
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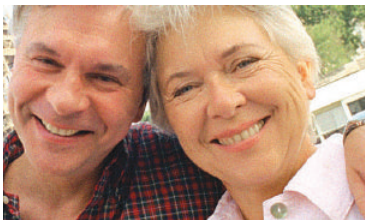

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ATTRACTIVE, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 TXT P

MUM of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 TXT

LOVELY female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 TXT

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BUBBLY, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 TXT P

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FUN-LOVING, single mum 1, 32, 5'7", brown hair, like cinema, walks, WLTM caring male for friendship, maybe leading to LTR. East Sussex. Box 409416 TXT

LAID-BACK yet outgoing nurse, 33, 5ft2, faithful, happy, love swimming, the gym, seeking similar down-to-earth male, 35-50, for hopeful relationship. Box 442916 TXT

I'M Ruth, hard-working, kind, caring woman, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar chap, so call me and let's see how it goes. Box 901072 TXT P

SINGLE mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941 TXT

BUBBLY, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041 TXT

SINGLE, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782 TXT

LOVELY, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 TXT

ATTRACTIVE 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 TXT P

LOVELY single mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTM similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889 TXT P

KIND, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 TXT P

LONELY, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTM slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304 TXT

GENUINE female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275 TXT P

HARD-WORKING independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205 TXT

YOUNG looking 40yr old, 5ft7, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999 TXT

YOUNG-LOOKING/ACTING curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out/in. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746781 TXT P

PROFESSIONAL 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughter and happiness. Box 420077 TXT

HARD-WORKING female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 TXT

FUN-LOVING, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 TXT P

FUN-LOVING 41, happy, caring, N/S brunette, size 12, 5ft3, likes to laugh, enjoy most things, looking for that special person to share my life. Eastbourne. Box 897642 TXT

HI I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 P

DEAL-BASED lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 TXT P

PETITE, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 TXT

HI! I'm 45, 5ft6, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, mother of two (daughter 10/son 15), seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440592

DIVORCED female, 45, loyal, funny, curvaceous and very romantic, WLTM a faithful and funny guy for a relationship. Box 889366 TXT

FUN extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 442905 TXT

44YR old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 TXT

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim-medium build, 5ft5, big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 439367 TXT

SLIM, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100 TXT

CARING, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking. WLTM male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 TXT

GENUINE, outgoing single mum, 48, enjoys swimming, the outdoors and travelling, WLTM male to travel and enjoy life with. Take the plunge! Box 891011 TXT P

MUCH travelled 45yr old female, slim, good looking, enjoys music, dancing and travelling, WLTM a professional mixed race/black male, 45-60, for exciting times and more. Box 442867 TXT

BUBBLY, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952 TXT

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 TXT

SLIM brunette, 49, 5ft4, attractive, young looking, enjoys dancing, holidays abroad and driving, WLTM a kind and friendly male to share life with. Box 442515 TXT

LOVING black female, 49yr old, slim, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising, WLTM a gentle man for a romantic relationship. Box 441839 TXT

BUBBLY, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out and possible relationship. Box 440879 TXT

YOUNG female, 50, 5ft5, slim, bubbly, outgoing, GSOH, loves animals, walks, eating out, nights in with wine, seeks genuine male 45-55 for friendship & more. Box 439607 TXT

NON-SMOKING Mum with GSOH, 50, 5ft3, blue eyes, medium-large build, loves music, gym, going out, travel, seeking down-to-earth, sincere guy. Box 442821 TXT

PETITE, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 TXT

FEMALE 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 417100 TXT

SLIM widow, 51yr old, 5ft4, honest, caring and sociable, seeks a male, 50-60, to have fun with. Bexhill. Box 442944 TXT

SPORTY female, 50, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 TXT

LIVELY, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTM genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 399271 TXT

53, fit and healthy, single now for nine years and can't find the right man! If you enjoy sport, live music let's chat! Box 923309 TXT P

JOVIAL, caring female, 51, 5'3", brown hair, hazel eyes, own business, WLTM nice, tall, good looking gent for laughter, life and love. Box 926614 TXT

HI, I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5ft3, dark hair. I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430032 TXT

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LOVELY, curvaceous lady, 57yr old, enjoys visual arts and travelling, WLTM a genuine male, 50-69 for friendship and possibly romance. Box 441382 TXT P

HONEST, sincere female, 58, GSOH, enjoys the countryside, the coast, smoking, seeking tall, honest, sincere male for friendship first and possible relationship. Box 441662 TXT

VIVACIOUS, tactile, considerate widow, 58, 5ft, smoker, well travelled, no ties, loves cruising, cooking and culture, seeks genuine, interesting gentleman with similar attributes and interests. Box 442968 TXT

HAPPY, contented, well-balanced lady, 59, 5ft4, medium build, not ugly(!), love the countryside, pets, theatre, dining out. WLTM gentleman with similar lifestyle initially, for friendship. Box 441201 TXT P

WARM and tactile female, 63, enjoys reading, scrabble, loves languages, travelling and holidays and gives a mean massage! Wltm a male to share life with. Box 442929

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Women for women

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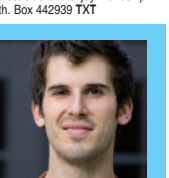
FUN-LOVING female, 28, in the Canterbury area, short brown hair, brown eyes, looking to meet fun-loving females for potential relationship. Box 889771 TXT

HONEST lovely lady, 72, 5ft1, cuddly, own bungalow, WLTM female to go on walks, shopping, the seaside and enjoy friendship with. Box 442939 TXT



MEN for WOMEN

CARING and friendly male, 22, blue eyes, brown hair, GSOH, enjoys walking, cinema, day trips, seeking female, 18-27, with good personality for friendship and romance. Box 442921 TXT

LEE, 25, 5'11", green eyes/brown hair, looking for someone good-natured. Personality more important than looks. Box 813752 TXT P

GOOD-LOOKING male, 27yr old, blue eyes, artistic with a good smile, loves films, music and socialising, WLTM a female for good company. Bexhill-on-Sea. Box 442856 TXT

CHRIS, 27, good looking, artistic, blue eyes, enjoys music, films and socialising, tired of being on my own, are you feeling the same? Bexhill-on-Sea. Box 442879 TXT

GOOD looking single dad, 28, 6ft, slim, GSOH, reliable and easygoing, looking for my princess for fun, friendship and romance. Box 442503 TXT

HARD-WORKING male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752 TXT

DOWN-TO-EARTH loveable guy, 30, 5ft8, stocky, blonde hair/blue eyes, likes the finer things in life, going out, eating in, pubs, WLTM genuine girl for LTR. Box 441947 TXT

FIREFIGHTER, 32, 6ft, sporty build, brown hair/blue eyes, likes holidays, travel, the good life, seeking female 28-45, attractive, fun, sexy, for good nights and more. Box 442204 TXT

LAID-BACK male, 33, 6ft, dark brown hair/brown eyes, likes pubs, clubs, cinema, meals out, sports, seeks genuine female with similar interests. Box 131966 TXT

I'M 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178 TXT P

HONEST, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 TXT P

HONEST laid-back male, 37, very short hair, slim, 5ft8, likes clubs/pubs, many leisure activities, seeking female 30-42 for friendship and activities, perhaps leading to more. Box 442827 TXT

I'M Stuart, 36, 6ft6, short dark hair, stocky, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty/love. Box 437106 TXT

LAID-BACK, sincere male, 38, 5ft11, fair hair green eyes, enjoys travelling, football, family time, seeking easygoing, fun-loving. Box 441389 TXT P

SERVING soldier, 38, 6ft, brown hair, blue eyes, athletic build, looking to make friends with a great, special female. Box 889716 TXT P

DOWN-TO-EARTH, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 TXT P

I'M 42, medium build, 5ft10, not fat! lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440021 TXT

GENUINE male, 43, 6ft4, slim, enjoys bowling, cinema, going to the pub and gardening, WLTM similar lady for a long-term relationship. Box 441595

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim male, 43yr old, 5ft10, likes beach walks and cinema, WLTM mature lady for committed long-term relationship. Margate. Box 441706 TXT

LOVING guy, in Ashford. I'm 43, and have dark hair/blue eyes, medium build. I enjoy theatre, holidays, cinema, beach walks, music, bowling. Box 437557 TXT

GENUINE frank, 6ft, slim brown hair, green eyes, romantic and sensitive, enjoys soul music, bowling, pubs, walks, WLTM a female, 33-40 for a LTR. Box 442674

INTELLIGENT male, 43, 5'9", GSOH, home/car, slim, enjoys meals out, travel, good wine, socialising, seeks sincere, attractive female, 28-40s, for initial friendship, fun, hopefully more. Brighton. Box 437707 TXT

GOOD-LOOKING male, 44, smoker, likes psychedelic 60s music, cinema, nights out/in, seeks attractive, kind, caring female for fun, friendship, kisses and cuddles, maybe more. Folkestone. Box 367907 TXT

WARM, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 TXT

ACTIVE male, 45, 6'2", medium build, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 920903 TXT P

I'M Chris, 46, 5ft11, medium build, country lad at heart, WLTM a like-minded female, 30+, for friendship/relationship. Box 443064 TXT

HI, genuine Gent, 47, 6ft, looking for his princess for travel, nights out and cosy evenings, lets share life's experiences and have fun. Box 890214 TXT P

KIND, considerate, caring, honest guy, 47, 6ft, hazel eyes, brown hair, medium build, like football, swimming, reading, driving, seeking caring female to share life with! Box 892531 TXT P

DAD of 2, 46, very romantic and full of life, enjoy wining/dining, looking for that special someone to share my life. Box 902417 TXT

BLOND, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 TXT

HI there, I'm 47, 6ft, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme parks! seeking slimmish lady 30-45 for possible relationship... Box 439919 TXT

CHEERFUL upbeat male, 48, loves a good time and making the most of life, looking for local lasses for a laugh, love and more! Box 442820

GENTLE kind male, 48, 5ft9, medium build, WLTM nice, attractive, friendly, fun to be with lady who likes going out and socialising, for friendship first. Box 442869 TXT

WARM, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating, male, 48, well-groomed, OHAC, 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 924095 TXT P

YOUTHFUL dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTM female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737529 TXT P

HI, I'm 50 with two grown up kids, love country pubs, walks, life, GSOH, WLTM a nice lady to get to know of any age. Box 439922 TXT

ATTRACTIVE, 6ft, fair-haired, blue-eyed male, 51, looking for an attractive feminine woman, for friendship and if there's chemistry maybe more. I live in Medway. Box 907991 TXT

ATTRACTIVE male, 52, enjoys eating out, theatre and walks, WLTM a young female with similar interest for friendship and romance. Box 443063 TXT

UPBEAT happy gent, 53, 6ft, medium build, brown-grey hair, brown eyes, GSOH, WLTM lovely female who likes socialising to find happiness with. Box 443021 TXT

JAMES, 53, 6ft1, self-employed, no ties, enjoys socialising, WLTM a tall and slim female, 40+,to share good times with. Box 442903 TXT

WIDOWER, 5ft10, 53, GSOH, outgoing, fairly fit, genuine, sincere, scrub up well, like clubs, music, travel, holidays, WLTM nice female, 50-58, with similar outlook. Box 434562 TXT

ALAN, 53yr old widower, medium build, own home/car, would like to meet sincere, genuine woman, interested in gardening, motorbikes, pubs/social drinking. Box 900317 TXT P

MALE, 53yrs, 6ft, likes the coast, countryside, good food and wine, seeks fun female, 40-58, for friendship and love. Box 703563 TXT

HELLO there, I'm 6ft3, 58, I'm very-young-at-heart and very active, fit, WLTM that special lady to share life with, who's open-minded and genuine like me. Box 437496 TXT P

61YR old gent, 5ft9, slim, non-smoker, nutty but fun, nice looks, likes foreign travel, cinema, music, seeking similar nutty female for like-minded good times. Box 440173 TXT P

SOLVENT home owner, 62, slim, 6ft, honest, caring and easy-going, looking for that special lady to share life with. Box 442927 TXT

KIND, considerate, active, attractive, intelligent 62yr old male, likes walking, travelling, eating out & cosy nights in, WLTM that very special lady for lasting happiness. Box 442936 TXT

VERY loving, tactile, caring male, 59, GSOH, genuine & honest, WLTM female for friendship and possible romance. Jan please leave contact details. Box 165276 TXT

62YR old young looking, active man, 5'6", looking for a sociable lady with a lively personality for companionship and maybe LTR. Box 438982 TXT P

ACTIVE male, 66 years old, looking to meet down-to-earth lady, 50-65, to share interests, friendship, maybe more. Box 416043 TXT

AFFECTIONATE and fit male, 67yr old, 5ft9, GSOH, ohac, enjoys dancing and theatre, WLTM a nice lady to enjoy life with. Box 442946 TXT

Men for men

HI there, I'm 40, 6ft, green eyes, blond hair, own house, enjoy pubs, keeping fit, seeking similar male, sporty, for fun and maybe more. Box 436788 TXT

EASYGOING and laid-back male, 44yr old, medium build, 5ft9, WLTM a similar male for friendship and hopefully romance. Brighton. Box 442143 TXT

HONEST guy, 40s, 5ft11, blue eyes, sporty chap, looking for a similar male, 30-70 to spend good times together. Box 426237 TXT

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY male, 50, 5ft10, blond hair, green eyes, slender build, into most things, WLTM a similar man for fun, friendship and more. Box 889297 TXT

SLIM male, 58, enjoys many varied interests, seeking male, 48-65, for fun, loving, cross-dressing and more, perhaps long-term relationship. Box 442813 TXT

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'+2' expected to multiply Nissan's Qashqai success

By **STEVE LOADER**

NISSAN'S forthcoming GT-R supercar and the eco-friendly all-white Denki Cube Concept dominated the brand's stand at the London Motor Show.

But a less glamorous debutante will have the bigger impact on the market – the seven-seat version of the hugely successful Qashqai crossover.

The Qashqai+2 follows last year's launch of the original car, which was the most successful debut ever for the Japanese brand and a winner of 15 awards across the UK and Europe.

To some extent sales volume was guaranteed, with Nissan's dull Almera family hatchback, the Primera family car and the ailing Tino MPV all being axed to make way for just one model.

But the Qashqai did not just takeover from its trio of predecessors, but cause Nissan's sales and image to surge forwards; it is an excellent all-round car able to compete brilliantly on so many different levels.

It is part family hatchback, part family wagon, part SUV, part MPV and even a decent 4x4 when its high-riding body is married to all-wheel drive.

Where it has not competed so far though is in the seven-seat midi-MPV sector dominated by the Vauxhall Zafira, but also hotly contested by the Ford S-Max, VW Touran and Citroen C4 Grand Picasso.

This is where the Qashqai+2 is expected to do well by offering SUV style, excellent Qashqai driving dynamics and something different to the norm. Like its parent model, the '+2' has been designed and engineered in Europe and will be built at Nissan's record-breaking plant in Sunderland.

So successful has the Qashqai been that some export production has had to be transferred to a plant in Japan – a development that has something of a 'coals to (neighbouring) Newcastle' contradiction about it – but it allows the latest blockbuster Qashqai to be in UK showrooms by October.

To accommodate two rather more child-friendly than adult seats in a third row, the wheelbase has been extended by 135mm, leading to an overall increase in length of 211mm. Height has risen marginally by 38mm.

If the extra seats are for occasional use, they do at least fold flat for easy cramming of the enlarged load space and there is also some under-floor storage for the enlarged area.

The Qashqai+2 is fitted with a panoramic glass roof to deliver the light, airy cabin feel of the existing Qashqai and standard kit includes darkened privacy glass in the rear, plus roof rails.

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Countdown to Ka2 Mk2

FORD has whipped the wraps off the all-new Ford Ka to reveal styling that echoes the big-selling original – a 1996 show concept that Ford says buyers clamoured for it to press into production.

Which is why funky styling disguised ageing off-the-shelf mechanicals from the then Fiesta.

Its replacement is derivative too, being a joint project with Fiat that spawned the 500 cult car, and borrows the Fiat Panda platform.

It is debatable whether the Ford has the charm of its Fiat sister, but will sell well by reworking the compact size and sense of fun of the first Ka.

Ford of Britain boss Roelant de Waard said: "The original has been a huge hit in the UK with a sales record of over 480,000 – 80 per cent of which have been to retail customers, and many of those first-time buyers. I'm confident that the latest design will prove just as big a hit."

The newcomer is due for November sale and volumes will surely be driven by a fuel-sipping, road tax-eluding low emission ECOnetic version.

Compact 4x4 appeal of new Terios special

NOT all 4x4s are the same says Honda, stressing the greener credentials of its latest CR-V.

Daihatsu could claim the same slogan for its little Terios; far more compact and economical than so-called gas-guzzling SUVs, while retaining rugged off-roader style and real ability in challenging conditions.

Power comes from an economical 1.5-litre petrol engine averaging around 35mpg and emitting 185 g/km of CO_2 – road tax costs £170/year.

Unlike its rather crude predecessor, the latest Terios is also more refined and dealers are currently offering a value-for-money Kiri limited edition version based upon the £12,995 'S' entry model, but adding unique metallic green paint, roof rails, five-spoke alloys, a hard spare wheel cover, leather-covered steering wheel, front fog lamps and 'Kiri' graphics for £13,895.

All Daihatsus also now come with five years' unlimited mileage warranty plus five-years' roadside assistance.

Hyundai's 'first' for i30

HYUNDAI has launched its first-ever special edition based on the i30 Ford Focus challenger it launched last year.

With a choice of special red, white or blue paint and based on the popular i30 1.4 Comfort model, it arrives in showrooms on 25 August priced at £11,845.

Extra equipment includes a factory-fitted electric sunroof, 16-inch alloys and upgraded door mirrors from the i30 Estate plus the generous i30 standard spec and the Korean marque's usual five-year unlimited mileage warranty.

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Sixth generation Golf will be rival for Focus

by STEVELOADER

FORD'S Focus looks down on the rest of the UK motor market from its number one slot, but a tough rival appears in January – the sixth generation VW Golf.

The Golf has notched more than 26 million sales since appearing 34 years ago and even the current car remains at the top of the game for all-round engineering, user-friendliness and driver enjoyment – it bodes well for its replacement.

And while the Golf has majored on being a 'more premium' buy in the mainstream family hatchback sector, VW says the new car will offer great value as well as carrying the Golf 'brand' forward.

VW chief Prof. Dr. Martin Winterkorn said: "This sixth generation of Golf cars will completely redefine the quality and comfort level of its class over broad categories, offering more customer value than ever before."

Newly-released shots of the new car show that it will also have even more style than the current car, with cues from the classy Scirocco coupé just about to enter the market.

Designers also aimed to combine simplicity and attention to detail inside with materials and equipment found on cars higher up the market, perhaps a response to recent concerns that the current car has fallen behind many newer rivals in this area.

The new Golf is claimed to be the quietest yet; VW has incorporated advances in reducing wind noise, including a completely new design of door and window seals, a new damping film that supports the windscreen and a new engine mounting system.

A new 2.0-litre TDI 110 PS (108bhp) diesel engine averaging over 60mpg and emitting just 119 g/km of CO2 – placing it in the lowest payable (£35/yr) UK road tax band – looks like being the best-selling engine variant.

Three other diesels are promised though, with six-speed manual or VW's excellent double-clutch/manual option DSG gearboxes. There will be four petrol units too.

It will also be the first Golf with VW's Adaptive Chassis Control (ACC), already available on the Passat CC and standard on the new Scirocco. This allows the driver to select normal, comfort or sport modes for suspension, steering and accelerator response.

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Yet another Land Rover dealership for Harwoods

UPMARKET South East-based motor group Harwoods has acquired the former Hunt Grange Land Rover dealership at Vale Rise, Tonbridge.

The site joins Harwoods' other Kent Land Rover outlet at Edenbridge and three others across the South East region.

The family-owned group, established in 1931, also holds three Audi franchises, two each for Jaguar and Bentley and single franchises for Aston Martin, Isuzu and Subaru.

The Tonbridge Land Rover site's new dealer principal, Keith Hancock, said: "As a family-run automotive group we value our customer relationships very highly and we are keen to show all visitors to the showroom that the standards they have come to expect will remain our top priority."

"We have inherited excellent staff, all boasting long service and exceptional experience which guarantees continuity, a superb and spacious showroom and outstanding aftersales facilities, together with a substantial customer parking area – elements that enhance and add value to the whole customer experience."

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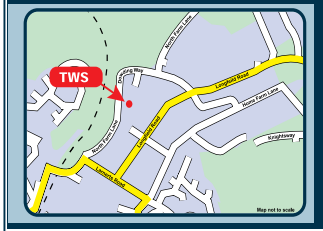

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Mazda3 MPS Sports

The flawed genius of Mazda's 'Dark Knight'

HOT hatchbacks are the superheroes of the mainstream car market – everyday models with injections of special powers and potions.

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VW's Golf GTI is more clean-cut Superman: mild-mannered Clark Kent in traffic and the consummate conqueror when tackling an open road.

So where does the rarer Mazda3 MPS sit in the superhero pantheon? Probably as Batman, currently packing cinemas with the film Dark Knight.

Like the 'Caped Crusader' it is a car of great power yet flawed genius – and you cannot help being enthralled by it.

The standard Mazda3 five-door hatchback shape is not the most exciting, but commands respect in top-spec MPS Sports Aero Kit form as tested here.

Cosmetically, it gains a restrained body kit including rear tailgate spoiler, beefy 10-spoke alloys, single big-bore exhaust, natty twin-stalk door mirrors and discreet MPS badges.

But the whole car is lowered as part of a tweaked chassis and this superhero conditioning on the handling front is achieved without turning 'Batman' into the 'New Hulk'; this hot hatch will not biff, bang and crash every piece of criminally poor tarmac and I was continually amazed how the MPS clings onto the tightest of bends without the teeth-rattling suspension that usually goes with such ability.

This clever contradiction is appreciated all the more thanks to the power on tap: a four-pot 2.3-litre turbocharged unit that deploys its considerable urge rather lazily at first and with the assistance of a limited slip differential to avoid a bucking steering wheel.

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DrivingStats

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- Garage stats: 4.43m by 1.76m five-door hatchback
- Powertrain: 2,261cc/258bhp turbocharged four-cylinder driving front wheels through a six-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 155mph and 0-62 in 6.1 seconds
- How green?: road tax band-G (£400/yr), CO2 emissions 231g/km
- Official fuel figures: combined 29.1mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): ****
- Fuel tank: 55 litres/12.1 gallons
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- Rivals: Audi A3 (various), BMW 1-Series M-Sport, Ford Focus ST, Honda Civic Type-R, MINI Cooper S, Renault Megane Renaultsport, Seat Leon Cupra, Skoda Octavia vRS, Subaru Impreza WRX series, Volvo C30 T5 and VW Golf GTI

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But if our superhero is a little slow to anger, it can then rage through every gear; acceleration is impressive even at high speeds in sixth gear and the gearbox is typical Mazda, being precise yet slick enough for the lightest of flicks as you change up.

So what are the chinks in our superhero's body armour? Well, the interior is a bit too Gotham City – dark and brooding. Sure, the gloom is relieved by red and alloy detailing and the inevitable alloy pedals, but I reckon a hot hatch should be almost as brash inside as out, perhaps with two-tone seating and 'red braces' instead of standard colour seatbelts.

The Mazda also undoubtedly loses some sales by being available only in five-door format, though the MPS again endears by blending hot-hatch and everyday personality; the Mazda3 interior layout and space is good and well finished.

There are useful bins and compartments for storage and the MPS comes with every extra expected at this level, including top notch Bose sound system with in-dash six-CD player.

But hot hatchback ownership has never been cheap and the sector now faces the threat of spiralling fuel prices and road tax.

To be fair to the MPS, it is not a guzzler when driven in the style of Bruce Wayne – Batman's alter-ego – and it lopes along the motorway in sixth showing great restraint and refinement.

But the car's CO2 emissions are not terribly PC and place it in the top £400/year road tax band, which might not seem much against the premium for its Group 17 insurance, but it all adds up.

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147, JTD Q2, gj57fge, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, grey, 14000 miles, £13995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

156, Ts 16v Turismo, gj04vxd, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, electric mirrors, 15'' alloys, red, 54000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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500, Sport, gl57cfg, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, leather interior, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, red, 3000 miles, £10495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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POPULAR: Sales of superminis like the Renault Clio (main picture) and Skoda Fabia have leapt ahead this year

New sales slide but green demand keeps brakes on

by STEVELOADER

CAR registrations are wilting under the onslaught of the credit crunch, fragile consumer confidence and soaring energy bills.

And the Government's attempts to curb car use and emissions in the face of global warming, appear too much too late – it should have cracked down on 'gas guzzlers' long ago and certainly closed loopholes encouraging sales of large 4x4 pick-ups.

But while car registrations are three per cent down so far this year against 2007, with July – usually a 'down' month anyway – showing a 13 per cent drop against July 07, it could be worse. Soaring fuel prices and swingeing road tax increases on profligate high-end models are encouraging drivers, leasing companies and businesses to swap to new greener and leaner models.

And that does not mean city cars and superminis only, though small car sales leapt 120 per cent in May, but the most 'eco' versions of various models and classes of car across most brands.

As a result, the UK Top 10 best-selling car league so far this year has a familiar look about it.

Ford, for instance, confirms its market leading position has been buoyed by a switch to lower emission/tax beating 1.6 and 1.8-litre TDCi diesels – sales of models with these engines have been nearly 40 per cent higher this year compared with 07.

And BMW has cleverly broadened its 'ultimate driving machine' slogan to encompass the green technology of its fuel-saving, lower emission 'Efficient Dynamics' package now featured in most BMWs and all MINIs – leading to a 12 per cent increase in BMW sales in '08.

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4	FORD FIESTA
5	VW GOLF
6	PEUGEOT 207
7	BMW 3-SERIES
8	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA
9	VAUXHALL VECTRA
10	(BMW) MINI

Alfa Romeo, Chevrolet, Daihatsu, Dodge, Jaguar, Kia and Nissan have also recorded significant sales increases this year and not all are on exclusively 'small and green' marques.

Diesel cars continue to dominate customers' buying habits, especially as these qualify for the lowest road taxes, but the recent gulf between petrol and diesel prices at the pumps – exacerbated by the UK's refinery capacity being traditionally geared to petrol demand – has caused a rally for petrol models.

VW and Fiat, for example, have created convincing and lively new small, lower emission, turbocharged petrol engines.

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City slickers help us all think green

KING OF THE ROAD: Top, VW Fox is an elegant solution, left, Toyota Aygo a city star, and Daihatsu Sirion is a spacious bargain

GREEN issues, high road taxes and soaring fuel prices are driving us all to downsize so 'city cars' are finding favour further afield.

Buyers are realising that these 'wheel-at-each-corner' designs are not just spacious in relation to their exterior design, but no longer primitive in driving and riding style.

With pump prices and road taxes now straining family budgets, the phrase 'city car' has also been stretched and we have included several small cars that are technically supermini size, but deliver miserly consumption more like that of an urban runabout.

Crucially, cars in this sector also qualify for the lowest road taxes – usually £35/year.

The recent hike in charges and new bandings – set to soar even higher – has made many drivers re-think their budget.

City car stars include:

• Citroen – has one of the greenest city car models on the road in the C1, available in petrol and, unusually in this sector, diesel form and with three or five doors.

• Daihatsu – this Japanese brand is hard to beat for compact value and the number of Kent dealerships has increased recently. The Charade city car is available with three and five doors, while there is also the bigger Sirion, which uses Toyota Yaris underpinnings yet costs much less.

• Renault – launched the three-door Twingo last year and positioned it as a fashion statement as well as an economy motor – there is even a hot Renaultsport version. Owners can customise their car as well as saving money by running it.

• Suzuki – always well-known for small cars, Suzuki has boosted its line-up recently with a wave of more driver-orientated models including the impressive Splash, probably best described as a 'city car MPV' due to its compact road 'footprint', huge interior and economy.

• Toyota – its city car contender is the brilliant and tiny Aygo. Available in three and five-door formats, a single one-litre petrol engine guarantees high economy levels and low tax.

• Vauxhall – has its own version of the Suzuki Splash. The Agila, launched this year, should not be confused with its less attractive predecessor and it also comes with a different range of engine options to that of the Splash.

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SUPER: The Vauxhall Corsa mixes mainstream appeal with cult status, new kid on the supermini block is the Seat Ibiza, whilst Suzuki Swift has now become a driver's car too

Common sense appeal of supermini is growing

GLOBAL warming and the credit crunch have combined to spur supermini sales growth to even greater heights.

The common sense appeal of the classic supermini – compact, four/five seats and three/five doors – grew over the past decade, but the message for hard-pressed drivers has been underlined by the latest list of woes

They are cars for all eventualities, tackling motorway miles or stop/go town traffic with ease, and their economy has been boosted by new generation petrol engines and refined small diesels.

Hardly surprising then that they attract buyers across the board: families, households needing a second car, first timers, or elderly couples counting the pennies. And they are spoilt for choice too, especially as some manufacturers have taken design cues from the MPV sector to boost space and flexibility.

Models to check out:

• Citroen C2/C3 – the single-minded marque did things its own way with two separate designs – the three-door C2 appeals to those wanting a smaller and sportier contender, while the larger five-door C3 caters for families and those needing more space. Well-priced with a great range of engines.

• Honda Jazz – this five-door car is the sector space star. Tall MPV styling and clever seating helps, but it's well-engineered and available with an economical CVT auto gearbox.

• Mazda2 – lightness and aerodynamics, are the watchwords as it does its bit for greener motoring, while retaining its sporty Zoom-Zoom image. The slippery Mazda2 is also one of the most stylish of new superminis.

• Renault Clio – a leader in the supermini sector over several generations, the latest car is upmarket and spacious, but the previous model continues as the budget Clio Campus.

• Seat Ibiza – the all-new Ibiza five-door is the newest entry to the supermini market and signals a move upmarket with a classy interior to match typically sharp lines from VW's sporty Spanish brand. A three-door SportCoupe arrives shortly.

• Skoda – VW's Czech marque offers the all-new five-door Fabia. It is still excellent value but smarter than before, well made and cheap to run, especially in diesel form.

• Suzuki Swift – the latest model has all the affordability of its predecessors, but is now a genuinely capable all-rounder and driver's car with echoes in style of the MINI cult car.

• Toyota Yaris – once a poor performer in the small car stakes, Toyota turned things around with the original Yaris. The second generation carries on the form, in three and five-door formats.

• Vauxhall Corsa – the latest generation three and five-door Corsa is one of the market's favourites and includes the sporty SRi all-rounder and an excellent VXR hot hatch flagship as a glamour model for the range.

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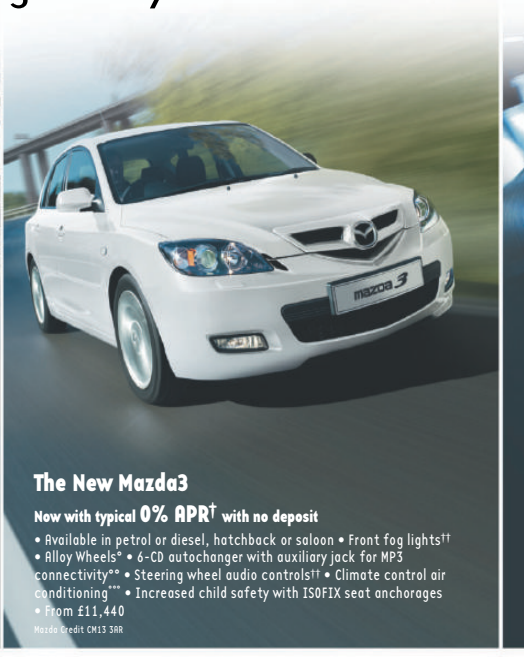

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ALL GOOD: Vauxhall Astra is one of the sector leaders, Skoda Octavia straddles family hatch and car sectors, and the BMW 1-Series is World Green Car of the Year

SUPERMINIS are on the march in these environmentally aware times, but family hatchbacks remain the optimum size for most buyers and dominate the Top 10 sellers list.

No wonder then that it is the hardest fought sector for manufacturers, with even the best battling hard to retain market share.

Buyers want space, comfort and a good ride, but they also demand a good driving experience – few contenders tick all the boxes.

Here are some recommended rivals though:

• BMW 1-Series – BMW has rocked the sector by offering an everyday hatchback size car with an executive badge on the bonnet and the brand's driver-orientated rear-wheel drive layout. The eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics' package has also slashed fuel costs, tax and emissions.

• Citroen C4 – whether it's the racy three-door Coupe or stylish five-door, the distinctive and chic C4 has boosted Citroen in the eyes of mainstream car buyers. Great diesel engines are part of the popular package.

• Dodge Caliber – it looks like a 4x4 and has the high driving position such owners crave, but costs family hatch money to buy and run and has masses of space.

• Honda Civic – this futuristic car stunned with its dramatic lines and spaceship 'cockpit', but Honda has managed to keep traditional customers and recruit new ones, helped by the scorching Type-R flagship.

• Mazda3 – available as a five-door hatchback and four-door saloon, this Zoom Zoom contender is a more premium option with a choice of engines and generous equipment.

• Renault Megane – the distinctive rear end 'bustle' makes this one of the stand out cars of the sector whether in three or five-door form, with some great diesel options and scorching Renaultsport versions too.

• Seat Leon – looks like a coupe with its dramatic lines and concealed rear door handles, but is a spacious yet sporty all-rounder with hot Cupra versions to spice up demand from keen drivers.

• Skoda Octavia – a larger contender that almost qualifies for the bigger family car sector, the latest Octavia confirms the brand's rebirth and also offers an excellent estate version, 4x4 options and hot vRS models.

• Toyota Auris – the long-running Corolla name was ditched in favour of this new three/five-door car and name, pronounced 'Owris' – also likely to become a by-word for dependability. A sharp interior distinguishes it from many rivals.

• Vauxhall Astra – the Astra's sharp styling in Sports Hatch (three-door) or five-door form cuts a dash, but a line-up of great engines is another big selling point and there is a scorching VXR halo model.

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Clever 'crossover' style now blurs MPV and 4x4 sectors

SALES of classic family cars have been pole-axed by the rise of people carrier/MPVs and 4x4s/SUVs.

Both shared a higher driving position, but the first majored on space and versatility, while the second stood for butch styling and 'go anywhere/great outdoors' ability. The two types have merged increasingly since then into what the industry calls 'crossovers'.

So, with this standardization growing, so we have merged them too:

• BMW – has created an 'X' sub-brand of SUVs with good driving manners. The X5 has the MPV-style capacity to seat seven, while the X3 attacks the compact 4x4 sector and X6 seeks suggests a new SUV coupe niche.

• Chrysler – leaves 4x4 to its Jeep and Dodge sister brands, but is the MPV expert of the gang with the capacious seven-seat Grand Voyager, beating the perennial problem of 'How to carry all those people and their luggage?' Answer: underfloor lockers.

• Citroën – using the Picasso, has become a major player in MPVs and offers six models: the bargain Berlingo First and Multispace, the original five-seat Xsara Picasso, the C4 Picasso 5-7-seaters and the big C8. Oh, and there is a smart 4x4 too – the C-Crosser.

• Daihatsu – need an MPV that looks different? Try the retro Materia, spacious within compact dimensions. On the 4x4 front they offer the Terios – compact and affordable for off-roading as well as everyday motoring.

• Dodge – America's most pugnacious brand, they offer the 'in yer face' Nitro 4x4 and the new bargain-price Journey seven-seat MPV.

• Honda – markets two distinctive contenders: the FR-V is one of just two six-seat people carriers on the market and delivers lots of seats within a small road 'footprint', while the latest CR-V defies the butch 4x4 cliché in style and environmental-friendliness. Both have a refined diesel option.

• Jeep – added two models recently – the Patriot and Compass – competing on price with family hatchbacks while retaining the brand's off-road class. For more space and even more rugged performance, there's an all-new Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, seven-seat Commander and the classic Wrangler.

• Mazda – in keeping with its sporty Zoom-Zoom image, Mazda has racy contenders in the seven-seat Mazda5 MPV – with sliding doors for access to the rearmost seats – and the 'GT'-style CX-7 SUV model.

• Renault – regarded as the inventor of MPVs, the Espace is still its champion people carrier, but there is also the mid-size Scenic and Grand Scenic as well as budget Kangoo. It entered the 4x4 market just weeks ago, but the new Koleus looks and works well on.

• Seat – the Spanish brand has shown MPVs can be sporty, starting with the racy Altea – also sold in stretched XL form – and stepping up to booted Toledo and large Alhambra. And there's a 4x4 Altea XL version: the Freetrack.

• Skoda – they reviewed the small MPV market and married a car-like front with a boxy and spacious MPV rear – the 'room' that inspired the name Roomster. For 4x4 capability, check out the all-wheel-drive Octavia Estate and high-riding Scout versions.

• Suzuki – the budget 4x4 specialist, Suzuki offers one of the cheapest go anywhere cars in the Jimny, but there is also the rather more refined two and four-wheel drive SX4 and rugged yet classy Grand Vitara.

• Toyota – one of the finest seven-seat midi-MPVs comes in the form of the aptly named Verso, but Toyota also offers the Land Cruiser brand for ultimate off-roading and the excellent RAV4 – the original 'GTI 4x4'.

• Vauxhall – has the best-selling midi-MPV – the seven-seat Zafira – and offers the smaller Meriva as well as the Antara SUV, a belated and classier replacement for the Frontera.

• VW – the 5-7-seat Sharan remains its flagship MPV, but the Touran can offer the same seating capacity and car-like handling, while VW is also now a star in 4x4 with the newly-launched Tiguan and bigger Touareg.

SUPERSIZED: Clockwise from top left: Citroen C4 Grand Picasso is a seven-seater leader in the powerful MPV sub brand, Toyota RAV4 created the 'GTI 4x4' niche, and Jeep's Patriot offers 4x4 clout at family hatchback prices

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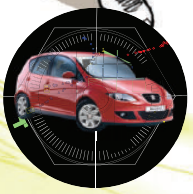

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Planning system failing due to shortage of skills

PLEA: Peter Randall

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A LEADING Kent property expert has lashed out at the national planning system, saying it is outdated and cumbersome and called for action to be taken before government housing targets are undermined.

Peter Randall of RPC Land and New Homes, which has offices across Kent, made his plea after a high-level critical report said some local authority planning departments are understaffed and under-trained.

The report – by the Communities and Local Government Committee – said long-term failures in the planning system were caused by an overall shortage of skilled employees.

Mr Randall said he agreed with its conclusion that although problems had been long identified, little progress in solving them had been made and housing and regeneration targets were being threatened as a result.

He said: "There is undoubtedly a real shortage of qualified people in some planning departments across the South East and it's causing real headaches.

"The existing staff are under increasing pressure to perform to government targets and this will inevitably lead to frustration in the system.

"The Government must look at how it can attract and retain more people within the planning industry as they will play a major role in delivering the three million new homes planned to be built before 2020.

"More training needs to be given to planning officers and elected council members as they are the ones who vote on approving or turning down applications.

"This latest report echoes what has been known for a long time within the industry and it is high time real action was taken and not just have lip service paid to it. More needs to be done to speed up the planning process."

A lack of communication and feedback on applications as well as government targets on the speed of decision-making has not helped planning departments unclog the system.

Mr Randall added: "The Government has a very clear strategy on the number of new homes it wants built per year, yet the planning system they are using to deliver it is outdated and cumbersome.

"An increased amount of development, staff shortages and red tape mean planning departments are too busy to liaise with developers over applications and the only feedback they get is when an application is determined.

"This often then leads to another application and a further clogging up of the system.

"Councils are also rewarded for making decisions in a set time, which incentivises them to make a quick decision although not necessarily a correct one.

"This report, from one of the Government's own departments, highlights the need for some drastic changes and now is the time for an overhaul of the planning system which is impeding rather than helping deliver the homes of the future."

Asked about Kent councils, Mr Randall said "one or two" may come under the category, but he declined to say which.

Firms warned over the new 'polluter pays' principle

COMPANIES face potentially huge financial headaches under a new European directive which has quietly appeared on the scene, but which dramatically extends business liability for environmental damage.

It's another chunk of growing red tape over the environment – but the big worry for firms involved in incidents threatening or damaging the environment is that public liability insurance may not cover them.

Under the European Environmental Liability Directive 2004/35/EC, expected to enter British law this December, the 'polluter pays' principle will be extended to water sources, inhabited land and protected species and habitats.

Anyone responsible for toxic leaks and spills, fire damage, explosions or similar incidents will have to take immediate steps to contain the situation and notify relevant authorities.

But taking action and notifying relevant enforcers is not enough, the polluter will then be liable for the cost of decontaminating the affected areas, says Peter Castle, group marketing director of insurance broker Smart & Cook, which has an office in West Wickham.

In severe cases, where the damage cannot be undone, polluters may even have to pay to enhance another site.

Mr Castle said: "The directive is the latest addition to the growing number of environmental regulations facing UK firms, many of whom rely on public liability insurance to protect themselves should the worst happen. But a recent case involving an East Yorkshire firm suggests such well-intentioned confidence may be very misplaced.

"There is no limit to the financial liabilities faced by companies in such situations. Unprepared firms could find themselves facing very significant costs should the worst happen.

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And it is also starting a new degree in the subject.

The funding is under the Prime Minister's Initiative, set up to increase research and teaching collaborations with education institutions in target countries including China, India and Malaysia.

Atkins Professor Chun-Qing Li, head of the civil engineering department based in Chatham, said: "We run undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in civil engineering which can help Malaysia boost its qualified workforce at a time when its construction industry is growing.

"Staff at our partner institution will be trained to run our courses at their campus. We will make regular visits and teach on some of the modules."

This award follows the university's success in securing PMI funding via the UK-India Education and Research Initiative, earlier this year, to run courses with a partner in Gwalior, India.

Challenge

Greenwich has more than 10 years' experience of working with partners in Malaysia; globally it has partners in 17 countries.

The new engineering degree, which will help manage dwindling water supplies, was developed with the construction/water/plumbing industry and is believed to be the first in the country.

It trains students in public health engineering, a subject traditionally learned on the job, and in which there is a shortage of skilled engineers, and it is also about green engineering.

It will focus on using less water, recycling water and allowing rainwater to drain away into the land rather than flooding or pouring down drains. People already working can do it part time, while school leavers can do it full time.

Fresh water levels are threatened as land is concreted over, standards of living rise and pollution gets into the water supplies. Climate change is compounding the problems.

The immediate local challenge is to ensure new developments along the Thames Gateway, house-building in the South East and the forthcoming London Olympics are built on sustainable principles.

Students will also be prepared to work in the international market where water management is also critical, particularly in developing countries where safe water, sanitation and waste management are crucial to healthy communities.

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Kelly's continues to be innovative

SELF-storage firm Kelly's is taking a leaf out of band Radiohead's book by offering a 'choose your own pricing' deal.

When Radiohead announced details for their album In Rainbows last year, for a while they offered the digital download version to listeners who could pick their own price for the album.

Kelly's has just launched a new warehouse in Dartford, in an increasingly competitive sector, and is giving customers the choice of paying whatever price they think the service is worth.

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Farming gets £3bn boost

Funding will help farmers make difference to wildlife

By **TONY PATEY**
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GREEN farming schemes have reaped major benefits for wildlife and the landscape – now the county could grab even more of the action as £3 billion is set aside by the Government nationally for the next five years.

The money can be used for so-called agri-environment schemes aimed at increasing access to the countryside, promoting wildlife and biodiversity, and funding greater maintenance of essential countryside features such as stone walls and hedgerows.

They have been around for 21 years – Kent has 652 agreements covering approximately 46,559 hectares in agri-environment schemes.

Examples of county projects achieved in the last year are: 10 bridleways, 22 farms offering educational access visits, 27 footpaths (and three routes for the less mobile), 10 hedgerows and one kissing gate, adapted for the less mobile.

Hilary Benn, secretary of state for the environment, said: "Over the last 21 years, farmers in Kent have been managing the land to enhance the beauty of the English landscape and conserve and protect our much-loved native wildlife.

"The English countryside doesn't look the way it does by accident, and all of us benefit from the footpaths, bridleways, orchard planting and hedgerow restoring which farmers carry out on our behalf through these schemes. Farmers deserve recognition and our thanks for what they have achieved."

Defra and Natural England have given the schemes the thumbs up. Sir Martin Doughty, Natural England chairman, said: "They not only make a major contribution to the UK's commitments on farmland birds, but they also help bring Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) into favourable condition."

More than 55,000 of these schemes – known for a while as Environmental Stewardship agreements – covering more than six million hectares of land in England, an area roughly twice the size of Wales, are in place.

Graham Wynne, RSPB chief executive, said: "Using agri-environment schemes, farmers have brought cirl buntings and corncrakes back from the brink of extinction in the UK.

"Now more than ever, we need to make sure farming produces not only food but a whole host of other things that society needs, such as wildlife, a stable climate, clean water and inspiring landscapes."

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CONSERVATION: Funding has been set aside for agri-environment schemes

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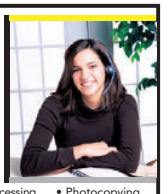

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By **WENDY PECKHAM**
HADLOW COLLEGE

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Ferrari fan racing ahead of recession

By **STEVE LOADER**
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OPENING a Ferrari supercar dealership would appear to be the last thing you do when the world talks of soaring oil prices and recession.

And would you choose to set up in Ashford, ahead of a plush London premises or somewhere more central in the UK?

The man who put his name and savings behind Simon Furlonger Specialist Cars barely raises an eyebrow to both points , simply quoting buoyant sales figures and stories about fans of Ferraris and other supercars who have beaten a path to his premises at Chart Enterprise Park in Ashford.

"I chose Ashford because that's where I live, but it is close to the M20 and at the heart of an ABC1 county. The Channel Tunnel and the Continent are a help for buyers and moving the cars around too.

"To be honest, it doesn't matter where you are if you are known to sell Ferraris with the knowledge and passion of myself and my sales colleague Matthew Honeysett," said Simon, who had been dealing in such exotica for 15 years before going solo this year.

"In the first two weeks after opening, I had buyers from the Far East, Paris and... Pluckley.

"Many of the cars we deal in will be left-hand drive, with buyers or collectors just as likely to be on the other side of the world and from all kinds of backgrounds.

"But they are all united by a passion for Ferraris and other supercars – probably dating from childhood – and fulfilling a dream by owning one or even creating a collection.

"Many buy one, enjoy it, sell it and go again with another model they also admired – if they cannot afford a collection simultaneously, they go for one chronologically. I have waiting lists for the right cars.

"Getting into a Ferrari can cost a lot less than people think; there is no serious depreciation so the main overhead is £2,000-5,000 a year servicing, which we organise through franchised dealers or our own specialists. Some, like the 2+2 Mondial, are even quite family-friendly."

STOCK RISING: Business is speeding along for Ferrari dealer Simon Furlonger

Simon's stock, which includes Porsches, Lamborghinis and other top brand names, is displayed in an industrial unit designed to resemble the type of spotless workshop where the present-day Ferrari team might prep up its race cars.

Simon dictated that the colour scheme should also be straight from the same palette as the famous Ferrari badge – the red, white and green of the Italian flag and the yellow of founder Enzo Ferrari's home town of Modena where the cars are made.

Simon even shares the same initials as the marque's famous race team 'Scuderia Ferrari', which predated the setting up of the manufacturing arm by more than 20 years.

He said: "What is so impressive about Ferrari was how a legend was created in a relatively short time – Enzo Ferrari originally raced cars on behalf of Alfa Romeo and didn't actually start building Ferrari cars until 1947, long after most other car firms had been created."

Printers head awards

ASHFORD-based printer Headley Brothers has beaten off stiff competition to win the Magazine Print Award at the prestigious Quality in Print Media 2008 accolades ceremony.

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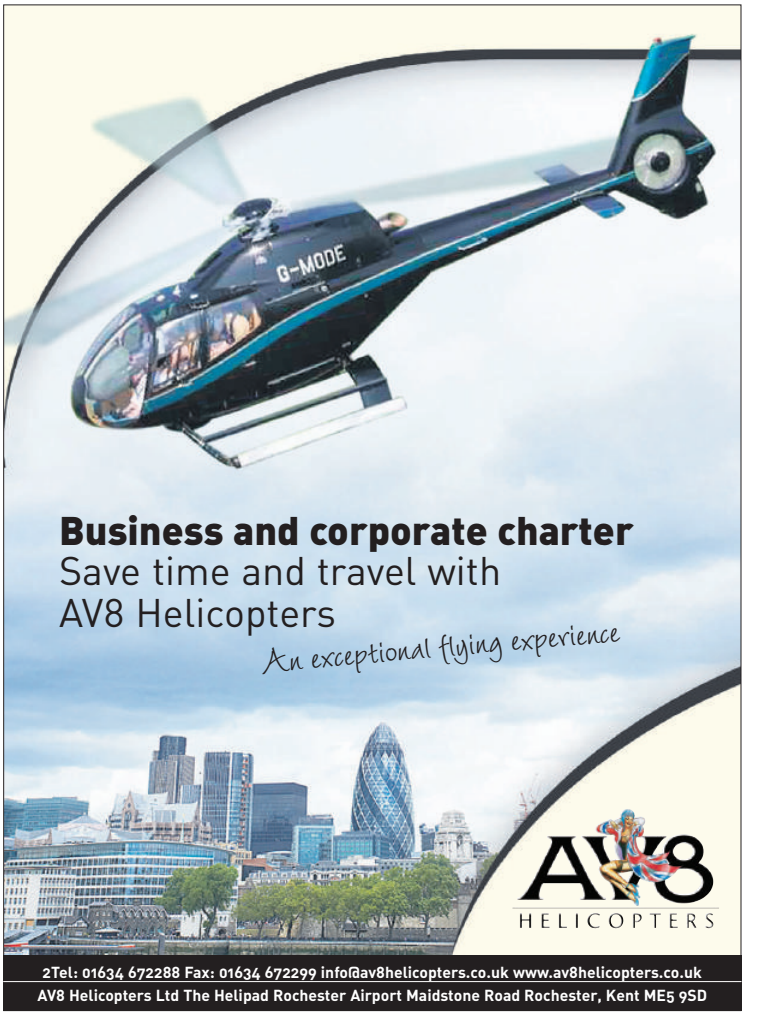

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Evans Easyspace is offering a 50 per cent discount off the first 12 months' rent (still on a two-month notice period).

By **LIZ RULE**
Pharon Independent Financial Advisers Ltd

ONE way of saving and investing more that has been available for a long time, but many people do not take advantage of, is Salary Sacrifice.

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Ups, downs, ins and outs

LEAGUE TWO

GILLINGHAM: AFTER suffering relegation last season, the Gills will be gunning for an instant return and they are one of the bookies' favourites to do so.

Boss Mark Stimson has shuffled his pack since taking over last year, and the pressure will be on him to ensure the Gills are in the hunt for promotion – not just at the end of the season – but the entire campaign.

Stimson has not been particularly busy in the transfer market, snapping up just goalkeeper Alan Julian and striker Mark McCammon, but he will be confident that his side has what it takes to get promotion.

They look strong enough defensively, with the only question mark the same as last season. Who is going to score the goals?

McCammon has been far from prolific in his career thus far, while Gary Mulligan scored just five in the last campaign. Much rests on Simeon Jackson, although this will be his first full season in the Football League.

HIGHS AND LOWS: Dover Athletic celebrate winning the Ryman South League (left), and Gillingham are relegated against Leeds

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER

EBBSFLEET UNITED: Much is expected of the FA Trophy holders this season after being in the hunt for the play-offs in the last two seasons, but missing out at the end.

With the experience of the winning FA Trophy campaign and playing at Wembley, manager Liam Daish will be expecting big things from his players. Only two of his squad – Michael Bostwick and Chris McPhee – left during the close season, despite the advances by Peterborough for striker John Akinde.

Several new signings have bolstered the Fleet squad, which should give them a good chance of reaching the play-offs.

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

BROMLEY: It was a campaign of comings and goings last season, with boss Mark Goldberg resigning from his post midway through the year, only to return ready for 2008/2009.

Goldberg has made some shrewd signings ahead of the new campaign, including former Shrewsbury Town midfielder Karl Murray and Liam Harwood from Carshalton Athletic.

After missing out on the play-offs last season, the Lillywhites will be aiming to be there or thereabouts again.

WELLING UNITED: Wings boss Andy Ford has been busy in the close season bringing new players to the club.

One of his best signings, however, could be Charlie Sheringham, son of former Manchester United and England striker Teddy.

The 20-year-old forward has been in goal scoring form during pre-season. Ford will be hoping for a more consistent season from his players, which should see them sit comfortably in mid table.

RYMAN PREMIER LEAGUE

DOVER ATHLETIC: The Whites cantered to the Ryman South title last season with their mix of youngsters and former pros such as manager Andy Hessenthaler and Alan Pouton. The former Gills boss has bought wisely this summer, acquiring Olly Shulz, Dean Hill and Sam Jones from Ramsgate as well as attackers Jerahl Hughes and Nathan Bailey.

Strong in all departments, the Whites should be a major force in the Ryman Premier and they are my tip for the title.

DARTFORD: Tony Burman's side were the stand out team in the Ryman North last season and will fancy their chances of back-to-back promotions.

With a big crowd behind them at Princes Park, they will be tough to beat, and the pre-season signing of experienced Margate striker Rob Haworth should see the Darts challenge for a top-six spot.

MARGATE: A real summer of upheaval for the Blues, both on and off the pitch. Barry Ashby is first-team boss with former Gillingham team-mate Paul Smith assisting him.

Also in the backroom staff is former Wales manager Terry Yorath and Neville Southall, both recruited to help develop talent in the Thanet area.

The majority of last season's squad has now departed, with Ashby signing youngsters from the side's reserve and youth sides.

He has however, signed Wayne Wilson from Bromley, prolific striker Michael Power from Cray and Danny Stubbs from Ebbsfleet.

It will be an interesting season for the new-look Gate.

MAIDSTONE UNITED: Co-managers Alan Walker and Lloyd Hume have recruited well in the summer which will give Stones fans genuine cause for optimism.

James Pinnock from Margate is a genuine 20-goal a season striker, while Jay Saunders is a good addition in midfield.

Defender Ian Cox will add experience at the back as will Lloyd Blackman up front.

This season should see Maidstone competing in the top half rather than fighting for their lives on the last day of the campaign again.

TONBRIDGE ANGELS: After a solid season in the Ryman Premier last time out, the Angels will be another Kent team looking to be in the play-off mix throughout the campaign. Manager Tommy Warrilow has a settled squad and with striker Carl Rook up front, the Angels should be in contention once again.

RAMSGATE: Rams boss Jim Ward is confident he has assembled the strongest squad the club has ever had, with cover in every position. Strong in defence and midfield, Ward has added Maidstone striker Mo Takaloo to his forward line which should see them even more of a threat in the attacking third. After winning the Ryman Cup last season and losing in the play-offs, the Rams are likely to finish in the top five once again.

RYMAN SOUTH

FOLKESTONE INVICTA: Invicta will be the team to beat in Ryman South after relegation from the Premier.

Although having lost leading striker Leigh Bremner in the close season, Invicta boss Neil Cugley has strengthened all over the pitch.

Striker Jimmy Dryden returns after a spell with champions Dover, while Lee Spiller, Craig Wilkins, Nick Humphrey and Jimmy Jackson will provide both competition for places and valuable experience.

SITTINGBOURNE: It has been a summer of change for the Brickies, with no less than eight of their first team leaving the club.

They have managed to keep hold of youngsters Ryan Andrews, Billy Manners and Dave Milton, and boss Gary Abbott has brought in strikers Ellie Kayembe and Tom Bradbrook.

With only 16 in the squad, Abbott will need to add a few more bodies before the campaign begins next weekend. Having missed out on the play-offs last season, Sittingbourne are likely to make a top half finish once again.

ASHFORD TOWN: The Nuts and Bolts are one of the favourites to lift the title this season after boss Steve Lovell has recruited almost an entirely new squad since he took over last year.

That also brings added pressure, but the former Gillingham and Wales international is confident he has assembled a squad strong enough to gain promotion this term.

With the £8 million redevelopment of The Homelands, the club requires promotion quickly and Lovell will have to deliver.

CRAY WANDERERS: Cray had a superb season last time out and will hope to emulate their form this time around. Without striker Michael Power, however, goals could be a problem.

Former Tonbridge Angels boss Tony Dolby has signed as a player for the season and boss Iain Jenkins will be setting his targets on another play-off spot.

WHITSTABLE TOWN: After surviving relegation quite comfortably in the end in their debut season at this level, the Oystermen will be setting their sights on the top half of the division.

With the acquisition of seasoned campaigners such as Paul Ainsworth and James Campbell at the back, Marc Seager has strength in depth.

He will also hope that strikers Ian Pulman and Dave Cory can continue where they left off, although Ryman South defences are sure to be aware of their partnership this time round.

RYMAN NORTH

CHATHAM TOWN: The Chats have been moved to the Ryman North this season, but don't expect that to bother them as they are more than likely to be one of the favourites for promotion.

Manager Steve Binks has got the players in he wants, although the loss of Rob Denness to injury and defender Rob Goodger to Herne Bay is likely to be a blow.

KENT LEAGUE

The Premier Division is likely to be an entertaining one this season with no team looking at this stage as hot favourites to win the Premier Division.

Hythe Town, VCD Athletic and Beckenham will surely be battling out at the top, but there could be a new name near the top of the division this season.

Faversham Town have recruited well this summer having secured the signings of Maidstone pair Lee Shearer and Lynden Rowland, as well as Dave Soutan, Roy Guiver and goalkeeper Kevin Readings.

They have beaten two Ryman South sides in pre-season and are confident of surpassing last season's mid-table finish. Herne Bay have also strengthened with some good signings in the summer and should be in contention.

Norton Sports are the division's new boys and start with a tantalising opening day fixture against neighbours Faversham today.

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FAVOURITES: Steve Lovell's new-look Ashford Town

SOLID BUYS: Maidstone duo Alan Walker and Lloyd Hume have recruited well
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SIGNINGS: Faversham Town assistant manager Justin Luchford

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DOBRISKEY'S OLYMPIC Diary

Middle distance runner Lisa Dobriskey is competing in the Olympic 1500m later this month. Throughout the next fortnight the Ashford-born athlete will be sending regular updates from Team GB…

Thursday, August 7

SO FAR things haven't gone as smoothly as I would have hoped.

I left the UK on Monday night, but our plane was stuck on the runway for five hours due to a technical fault and the delay meant we missed our ferry when we landed in Hong Kong.

Once we were safely in Macau we were told a typhoon was on its way and so had to spend all of the first day in the hotel.

I managed to get out for a training run in the evening though and had a very close encounter with a snake, but managed to come away unscathed!

The GB team were based here prior to the World Championships last year so it has been easy to settle in.

I've had a pretty light training schedule for the first couple of days.

It's nice to have a bit of time to relax after travelling, it's important to be as rested as possible as things are going to start getting very hectic.

Friday, August 8

THINGS are starting to brighten up in every sense of the word!

The weather has picked up after the typhoon, I slept so well last night and to make things even better, today is my rest day and the start of the official Olympic Games.

With the opening ceremony taking place this evening, the hotel staff have arranged a little party for those of us left behind in Macau. We have lots of GB flags and TVs in the dining hall and by the looks of it we may even be treated to ice-cream.

My coach arrived here yesterday and I've spent most of the day with him.

The final few athletes arrive later this evening. It does feel strange knowing the Olympics are almost starting and I'm not going to be there for another week.

Our team manager and some of the staff left earlier today and the rest of the team leave on different days depending on their event. I'll be one of the last to leave as I'm competing towards the end – it's strange to think some people will be finished before I'm even there.

I have a big track session tomorrow and then I'll start to ease my training down ready to race.

Will let you know how it goes.

Lisa x

• **For up-to-date diary entries from Lisa, visit www.kentnews.co.uk, where readers can leave her good luck messages.**

Non-league legend sidelined – for now

After two decades of successfully managing football clubs across the county, TOMMY SAMPSON was forced to announce his retirement last weekend on health grounds. Here he talks about the decision, his career and his hopes of returning to the touchline…

GLORY DAYS: Tommy (left) shakes hands with the defeated Newcastle Town boss after his side booked their place at in the FA Vase final which they won in 2000 (right)

By DAVID PRITCHARD

PRE-SEASON friendlies are often insignificant affairs, a far cry from the cut-and-thrust of competitive football. Last month's match between Whitstable Town and Redhill was no exception, but it was at the game Kent's most successful non-league manager of recent times made the agonising decision he had to retire.

In the 20 years since taking over as caretaker manager at Tonbridge Angels, Tommy Sampson has built a reputation of professionalism and success at a host of clubs across the county.

But last December the 53-year-old suffered a stroke while at home in Maidstone, causing him to lose movement down the left side of his body.

After months recovering in hospital he made his return to the sidelines to watch his Redhill side play Whitstable.

He said: "It left me feeling so tired and unwell, I didn't have the strength for it.

"On the way home I spoke to my partner Sandie and we shared a few tears because football has been what I ate, slept and breathed for the last 20 years.

"I realised I could only go back on a very loose basis and that's not me. It was a heartbreaking decision."

Sampson announced his decision last weekend and has since received countless goodwill messages from people across the country connected to non-league football.

The former Millwall left-back's condition is improving and he can now walk with the aid of a stick, but a complete recovery is still some way off.

He hopes by making a clean break it will help his return to full health. Once that is achieved Sampson is determined to make a comeback to the touchline.

He said: "Absolutely I would, I have only retired for the foreseeable future. I want to win things again, that's what drives me. I think that's what has kept me going over the last year."

Even before a possible return, Sampson has built a legacy which makes him stand out from his contemporaries.

Fondness

After spells at Tonbridge Angels and Sheppey United, he began the most successful period of his career by joining Herne Bay in 1993. Three Kent League Premier Division titles followed in five years, including an unprecedented treble in 1997 where the team also won the Kent Senior Trophy and Kent League Cup.

His greatest achievement came once he moved to Deal Town a year later.

Sampson delivered his fourth league title in seven years and achieved legendary status when his team won the FA Vase at Wembley.

Although the win defined his managerial career, the game Sampson looks back on with the most fondness is the second leg of the semi-final against Newcastle Town.

After winning the first leg 2-0, a capacity crowd of 2,500 crammed into Deal's Charles Sports Ground to watch the 1-1 draw.

Sampson said: "Wembley was mind blowing, but I can never talk about it without thinking about the semi-final. We were hanging on. Wembley was being knocked down the next season so we knew we would never get the chance to play there again."

Whitstable Town manager Marc Seager was in the Deal team and has remained close with Sampson.

His sentiments are typical of the many friends he has made in the game.

Seager said: "He was the most professional manager I ever played under and he will always go down in history for the Wembley run.

"I personally think he has made the right decision because I think he does need to concentrate on getting himself back to full health. I have already said to him once he is back I would like him to come and work for me in some capacity.

"He has still got a lot to offer."

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Byrne keen to return to winning ways

DUELLING: Leon Camier and Shane Bynre (right) will both be riding at Knockhill today

THE British Superbike Championship reaches its halfway point at Knockhill in Scotland today with leader Shane Byrne eager to return to the top step of the podium.

The Sheppey rider leads the championship by a massive 99 points and has dominated the series with eight wins so far. But his supremacy was disrupted in the last round at Oulton Park where he could only claim two third places.

Byrne said: "I came away from the last round quite frustrated as I really wanted to get another win, but it's made me more determined to get back onto the top step of the podium.

"I've worked with my engineer on the gearing so I'm confident we'll have a good set-up for the weekend. I've also been training really hard over the past couple of weeks so I'm feeling in great shape, which is going to be really important over these last few rounds of the championship."

Ashford's Leon Camier will be hoping to climb from fifth after a qualifying accident ruled him out of the last round.

Camier said: "It's been good to have a few weeks off to fully recover, but I'm glad to be heading to Knockhill. It's a circuit that I am confident Airwaves Ducati can perform well at."

Maidstone's Scott Smart is also involved and will be looking to build on his season's best eighth-place finish last time out.

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FIELD OF DREAMS: Gills chairman Paul Scally (right) is working hard to achieve his goal of moving the club to a purpose-built stadium

Chairman full of Eastern promise for new season

By DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM chairman Paul Scally says he is just as hands-on at the club despite having moved to Dubai earlier this year.

Now in his 13th year in charge at Priestfield, Scally relocated to the Middle East in the spring.

He spends much of his time meeting potential investors in the emirate, but will continue to return to the UK regularly and plans to attend just as many Gillingham games this season as he did before he moved.

He told Kent on Sunday: "It's working out really well. I do a lot of work for the club over there and I keep popping back here.

"It's the best of both worlds, it gives me time to work on strategy over there, it gives me a bit of peace and quiet from the day-to-day stuff I get involved with here and I talk to Mark [Jones] our chief executive and the manager every day.

"I still sign all the cheques and make all the big decisions. I still sign all the players. In fact, I probably meet more football people over there then I do here so it's a home from home really.

"I have lots of meetings there which are relevant to the football club; it's like having two homes and one business really."

Scally hopes the move will make it easier to achieve one of his key long-term goals for the Medway club – leaving Priestfield for a brand new purpose-built stadium.

He is devoting much of his time in Dubai to undertaking the necessary research ahead of making presentations to prospective backers.

In the short-term Scally has been encouraged by season ticket sales, which are close to last season's total of 3,500 despite relegation into the fourth tier.

From a business perspective the club is reportedly able to sustain a prolonged stay in League Two, but Scally is targeting an immediate return to League One.

Temptation

He said: "It's not a must [financially], but we start the season every year wanting to get promoted and this season is no different. It's going to be tough because there are a lot of good teams in this division, but we think we are capable of doing it.

"I think the supporters realise we were playing some decent stuff at the end of the season and they wanted to give the club a big lift. The fans have always been there when it matters."

Scally came in for a lot of criticism from a section of supporters last season as the team slid towards the relegation trap door.

He resisted the temptation to remove manager Mark Stimson and remains confident that given a summer to work with the players the right man is in charge.

He said: "The manager has now had a squad in pre-season which firstly, wants to work to his fitness levels and secondly, wants to be here so I think that's important. I can honestly say that everyone's part of what we are doing going forward so that's encouraging."

Gills' first home game of the new season is a Carling Cup tie against Colchester United on Tuesday. Kick-off is at 7.45pm.

• ***For the full video interview with Paul Scally, visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk.***

Kent denied Champions League spot

Pictures: ADY KERRY

YOU'RE OUT: Mahmood (left) and Kemp's appearances have cost Kent

By GLENN PEARSON

THE LONG-running saga over Kent's use of rebel Indian Cricket League players Azhar Mahmood and Justin Kemp finally ended last week with the club being denied a place in the inaugural Twenty20 Champions League.

All summer Champions League organiser the Indian Premier League has stated that a team fielding ICL players – a rival Twenty20 competition – would not be permitted to take part in the tournament against teams from South Africa, Australia and India.

The Kent Spitfires were made eligible for the competition after reaching the Twenty20 final at the Rose Bowl last month. However, despite the England and Wales Cricket Board's attempts to negotiate a deal so that Rob Key's side could play in the £2.4 million tournament in October, the Indian authorities failed to budge and Kent have not been invited.

The Middlesex Crusaders, the team that beat the Spitfires in that dramatic Twenty20 final, have accepted a place in the competition, but the Essex Eagles, beaten by Key's side in the semi-final, have been also been turned down.

The county also offered to omit Kemp and Mahmood from their squad for the competition, but that too was rejected by the organisers.

Objections

A statement from the ECB read: "Both the ECB and Kent are bitterly disappointed at this stance as Kent had offered various solutions aimed at overcoming the objections of the organisers, such as not to include players who had taken part in unauthorised cricket in their squad.

"With Kent's full knowledge the ECB offered Essex as an alternative county to play in the Champions League as Essex were beaten by Kent in the Twenty20 Cup semi-final.

"However, this suggestion was also rejected by the organisers.

"The ECB has written to the organisers confirming that, subject to contract, the board has approved the participation of Middlesex, the Twenty20 Cup winners on the proviso that the event is authorised and on agreed terms.

"The ECB has also requested and is awaiting confirmation of the regulations for this event from the organisers."

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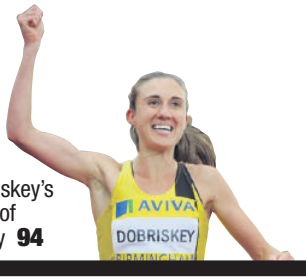

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SKIPPER'S TWENTY20 VISION

Reaching final would boost ladies' cricket

Picture: ADY KERRY

FORWARD-THINKING: Kent's Charlotte Edwards will captain England in World Cup

EXCLUSIVE
By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT and England captain Charlotte Edwards believes the global success of Twenty20 cricket can help increase the profile of the women's game and encourage more girls into the sport.

The 28-year-old, who led England to back-to-back Ashes victories, will captain her side in the inaugural women's Twenty20 World Cup next summer, with the final played before the men's showpiece at Lord's.

If they could reach the final it would, according to Edwards, allow the England players to showcase their skills in front of millions of fans.

She told Kent on Sunday: "It is a dream come true for us really as it is a great time to showcase the women's game on a global scale. We are excited to think that maybe we could get to a semi-final and then the final and play before the men's game, it would be a great occasion for everyone.

"We have a lot to play for before then, but ultimately that is what we are all playing towards.

"Twenty20 has really caught on and it is the question I am asked most about at the moment, along with the Indian Premier League. Hopefully, they will have a women's IPL so I won't have to worry about money for the rest of my life, but it is exciting times in cricket at the moment for men and women.

"Next year with the Twenty20 World Cup being here is brilliant and hopefully that money will come streaming in."

The England team, which also includes Kent players Lydia Greenway and Lynsey Askew, comprehensively won the first of five One-Day Internationals against South Africa at the St Lawrence Ground on Wednesday.

The game at Canterbury attracted about 1,000 people, which despite being almost double the number of spectators usually watching the women's game, is an issue that needs to be addressed.

This is where the glitz and razzmatazz of Twenty20 can help capture the imagination of cricket fans, says Edwards.

She said: "The women's game will grow if we get more games on television and the way to do that is get more Twenty20 games because obviously it is more exciting.

"People often compare it to the men's game, but it is different.

"If people came to watch it they would see it for what it is and realise that we actually are just as good fielders, we may not be able to hit the ball quite as hard or bowl quite as fast, but the skill level is still there. When people come to watch they are often surprised and hopefully they want to come back."

Edwards was one of eight England players to be offered Chance to Shine contracts in May. The deal means as well as being able to play cricket throughout the year, she helps promote the game in schools to encourage more girls into the sport.

She said: "We were quite lucky in getting them because there is a trend that a lot of girls were falling out of them game at 26-27, so we are under contract now for eight months of the year which allows us to coach within the schools.

New level

"It helps us to have a career path, but it also lets us play cricket all-year-round, so it works really well for Chance to Shine and it works really well for us. We have had a good impact so far, so it has been a successful summer doing that.

"Since we won the Ashes in 2005 there has been a massive increase in girls playing the sport and for us to play a part in that by winning and successfully retaining the Ashes [earlier this year], it is massive.

"We have just got to keep playing good cricket and hopefully people will come back and watch us and girls will choose cricket over other sports."

While the England team under Edwards goes from strength to strength the all-rounder, who has clocked up more than 100 One-Day Internationals, was shocked to learn that fellow England skipper Michael Vaughan had quit his post.

She understood Vaughan's decision and believes new captain Kevin Pietersen can take the side onto a new level.

She said: "It is really sad because Michael has done a hell of a lot for the England team and I have a great amount of admiration for the guy. Seeing him emotional was very sad. He has been a great leader and I thought he was going to see us through to the next Ashes.

"I think it was inevitable KP would take over really. He plays both forms of the game and is our best player.

"I just hope it doesn't affect his game, which I don't think it will. As with most things chucked at Kevin Pietersen he has been able to deal with them so I imagine he will deal with this in the same way."

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